

Topic – Our Amazing Area

In the "Our Amazing Area" topic, children will explore Geography by investigating their local community through hands-on fieldwork. They will go on a guided local area walk to observe and answer questions like, "What is this place like?" and "What or who will I see here?" This activity will help them notice key features of their environment, such as buildings, nature, and people, while developing skills in asking thoughtful questions and recording findings. By studying their own neighborhood, they'll gain a deeper understanding of how places shape daily life and connect with their community.

English

We will have daily phonics lessons in Year 1, following the Read Write Inc program -most of us will be working on using our set 2 and 3 sounds to help us read words and to become more fluent readers. In our writing lessons, we will begin by focusing on the story 'How to Catch a Star.' We will retell the story, orally first, and then using written sentences. Our writing focus will be to write simple sentences, using our phonics knowledge to help us spell words phonetically correctly.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at **connecting with others**. We will start to identify what makes them and others special and we will learn how friends, family and classmates can help and support each other.

Science

During this term we will be learning about animals, including humans and looking at seasonal changes. We will be answering the following questions:
What is a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore?
Do bigger animals eat smaller animals to survive?
How many hours of sunlight are there in one day?
Are leaves always green?



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Year 1

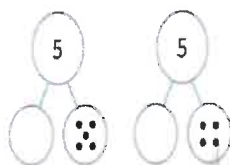
Welcome to the Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Cooper directly, in the first instance.

Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will first revisit our learning from the previous year to ensure children have a deep understanding of math foundations before moving on to recognising and naming 2D and

3D shapes along with their properties, comparing length, mass and capacity and looking at the part-whole structure.



When children are ready we will start to take part in weekly number family sheets beginning with number facts linked to the number 5 and then moving on to family 10 and family 20 facts as we become more confident.

RE

During the first part of this term we will be thinking about God and answering the question, What do Christians believe God is like?
In the second half of the term, we will be focusing on World Views and answering the question 'What are

PE

This term our focus will be on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. We will explore fun and engaging sessions focusing on trails, problem-solving, team building and orienteering. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child comes to school in their kits on these days.



Computing

During this term we will be learning to identify the technology that surrounds us and how it can be used in different ways. Later in the term, we will begin to use laptops to enter and edit text. The best way to support your child online is to talk to them about what they do online and spend time exploring together.



Diary Dates

25.9.26 European Day of Languages
29.9.26 St Michael's Day Service
6.10.26 Parent Workshop—Spelling
8.10.26 Parent Workshop—Phonics
23.10.26 Harvest Worship
23.10.26 Year 1 Forest School
12.10.16 Individual photographs
9.12.26 Christmas Production
10.12.26 Music Extravaganza

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Year 1
Core Story Books – Autumn Term



How to Catch a Star
By Oliver Jeffers



The Tiger Who Came to Tea
By Judith Kerr



Owl Babies
By Martin Waddell



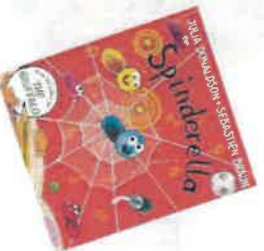
The Scarecrow's Wedding
By Julia Donaldson & Alex Scheffler



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
by Michael Rosen



The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark
By Jill Tomlinson



Spinderella
By Julia Donaldson



The Christmasaurus
By Tom Fletcher



The Polar Express
By Chris Van Allsburg

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Core Story Books – Spring Term

The Lighthouse keepers Lunch
By Ronda Armitage



The Happy Hedgerow
By Elena Mannion and Erin Brown



The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish
By Chloe Savage



Treasury of Fairy Tales
by Axel Scheffler



Smile Out Loud
By Joseph Coelho and Daniel Gray-Barnett



You Choose
By Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart



I Can Only Draw Worms
By Wtl Mabbitt

