

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 use written sentences. Our writing focus will be to write simple sentences, using our phonics knowledge to help us spell words phonetically correctly. We will practice using finger spaces between words and using capital letters and full stops accurately. We'll also keep practising sentence basics: capital letters, full stops and spaces. In handwriting, we'll use the 'three friends' grip, focus on correct letter formation, and build writing stamina through our 'power packs'.

Science

During this term we will be learning about animals, including humans and looking at seasonal changes. We will be answering the 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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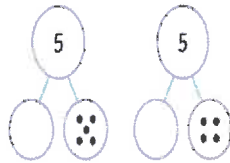
Year 1

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.



When children are ready we will start to take part in weekly 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 festivals and why do we have them?'

PE

This term our focus will be on Outdoor Adventurous Activities. We will be learning to describe how our bodies feel when still and when exercising. We will be developing our balance, agility and co-ordination skills. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school 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

25.9.2025 Local Area Walk
26.9.2025 Spanish Day
01.10.2025 School Book Fair Opens
01.10.2025 Parents' Evening
02.10.2025 Parents Evening
09.10.2025 RWInc Parent's Workshop
23.10.25 Y1 Mastering Number Workshop
10.12.2025 Christmas Production
12.12.2025 Christmas Dinner
16.12.2025 Christmas Disco
19.12.2025 Christmas Service

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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



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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 Christmassaurus

By Tom Fletcher



The Polar Express

By Chris Van Allsburg

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