



Newsletter

Summer Term - Year 1

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

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Dutton via the school office email.

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Topic

This term, our topic is 'Our Amazing World!' We will be learning all about the country of Zambia; this will involve locating Zambia on a world map and comparing life in Zambia with life in Wolverhampton. We will find out about different animals that live in Zambia, learning how to identify different birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. As part of our art lessons, we will look at artwork by African artist Olga Zavgorodnya and create our own African sunset artwork. We will experiment with colour by making colour wheels to create secondary and tertiary colours. As part of our topic, we will have a **Zambian Topic Day**. During our topic day, we will make our own **Zambian inspired fruit salad** to enjoy. We will practice skills such as **cutting fruits with a knife safely**.



Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will begin by learning about 2d and 3d shapes. We will learn the names and properties of a variety of different shapes. We will then learn different ways to sort these shapes. We will move on to multiplication. We will practice counting in groups of 2, 5 and 10. We will then use this to support us in counting groups of money coins.

We will all continue to take part in weekly club sheets. It would be beneficial for the children to practice number bond facts to 10 and then to 20.

English



We will continue to have daily phonics lessons in Year 1, following the Read Write Inc programme—most of us will be revising our set 3 sounds to help us read words accurately and to become more fluent readers. After our phonics screening in June, the focus will move on to reading fluently and we will also practice simple retrieval questions. It would support us greatly to **read at home at least three times a week**. Reading at home develops confidence in applying the new sounds being learnt at school.

In our writing lessons, we will begin with the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will move on to Handa's Surprise and then non-fiction writing linked to our **Zambian topic**. The grammar focus will be on using questions in our writing and the spelling of words with suffixes such as '–ed' and '–ing'. We will continue to practice the sentence basics: capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Religious Education

Our key question in RE this half term will be 'What are Christian places of Worship like?' We will consider what is sacred to us. We will visit St Michael's Church and Cranmer Church to help us name some of the different features within different churches. Our key question next half term will be 'What does it mean to belong to a community?'

Science

In our science lessons this half term, we will continue our work on seasons. We will do a seasons walk to see how the environment has changed over time from Autumn to Spring to Summer. We will also learn about plants. We will find out about the structure of a plant and the different jobs that parts of a plant do. We will learn to name a variety of different plants and trees as well as learning the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.



PE

This term, Year 1 will have PE lessons on Monday and Friday mornings so please make sure your PE kit is in school on these days. Please remember to take earrings out for school on PE days. The focus of our PE lessons will be games and athletics skills.

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