



Newsletter

Spring Term 2024 - Year 1

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

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

Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will continue to look at strategies to use for addition and subtraction. We will learn how to find doubles and halves of a given number. We will practice counting in multiples of ten and use this skill to help us add ten to multiples of ten or subtract ten from multiples of 10.

We will all continue to take part in weekly club sheets beginning with number facts linked to the number 5 and then moving on to family 10. Children need to recall the composition of numbers to 10 so we will be focusing on the rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts within 10.

English

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons in Year 1, following the Read Write Inc programme—most of us will be working on using our set 3 sounds to help us read words accurately and to become more fluent readers. We will have a big focus this term on nonsense words which are words that are not real but contain the sounds we need to know to help us become fluent readers. In our writing lessons, we will begin with 'The Light-house Keeper's Lunch' as our writing stimulus.



RE

Our key question in RE this half term will be 'What do Muslims believe?' We will find out more about key aspects of Islam and invite a visitor into Class 1 to share more about their faith. Our key question next half term will be 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

Science

In our science lessons this term, we will continue to observe the weather, focusing on the change in season from winter to spring. We will learn to describe the weather and look at the indicators which show us the season we are in.

We will also learn about different materials and their properties in our science lessons. We will conduct tests to help us decide the best material for useful objects in the classroom.



PE

This term our focus will be on Gymnastics and Dance. We will be composing and linking movement phrases and performing in a controlled way. We will explore how to travel by rolling forward, backward and sideways and will talk about how to exercise safely.

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 and use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep information safe - help your child to set these up. Remember that the default on many sites / apps is public.



Other Curriculum Areas

In History, we will be answering the question 'What was it like when our grandparents were children?' We will be learning to recognise the difference between the past and present.

In Music, we will be learning about the style of Blues music during this term. We will be learning to find the pulse of a song, sing from memory and learning to sing notes in different pitches.



During PSHE, we will begin with our class rules and behaviour expectations. We will learn to recognise different feelings in ourselves and others. We will also learn some ways to take care of ourselves and our feelings.

In Art, we will be focusing on painting, learning to mix different colours, tones and shades.

In DT we will be learning to join materials to make a box model. We will evaluate our work, identifying what we like and how we would change our design to improve it.

Diary Dates

11.02.2025 Online Safety Day
28.02.2025 Y1 Come Dine with Me
06.03.2025 World Book Day
01.04.2025 Parents' Evening
02.04.2025 Parents' Evening
02.04.2025 Y1 Eucharist

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