

English

During our first term in Year 1, we will enjoy a range of familiar stories and traditional tales to support the children's early writing skills. The children will have lots of opportunities to listen to, discuss and act out stories, helping them to develop a strong understanding of characters, events and story order.

We will focus on key writing skills, including using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, as well as developing correct letter formation. The children will also begin to understand how sentences are structured and how ideas can be put into the correct order.

Each Friday, we will have a dedicated session, where we will explore age-appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar skills including time to practise writing common exception words.



Phonics

In Year 1, the children continue to work in small groups to develop their knowledge of sounds and build confidence in reading them accurately within words. They will practise reading a variety of real and alien (nonsense) words, helping them to apply their phonics skills to unfamiliar words. Your child's phonics progress will be assessed each half term, and you will receive information about their progress and their appropriate reading book level.

Later in the year, the children will take part in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Further information about this will be shared with you nearer the time.

Year 1
Autumn 1



Computing

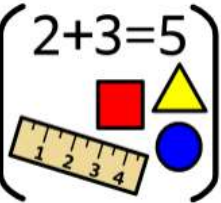
This half-term we will be learning about online safety and what to do if we feel unsafe when online. We will also be learning about how we can use computers and how technology is used outside of school.

Mathematics

Our first unit in Mathematics will focus on place value within 10. The children will develop their counting skills, learn to order numbers and use mathematical vocabulary such as one more and one less.

We will also learn to recognise numbers written as words and compare different amounts, using language such as greater than and less than.

The children will have lots of opportunities to learn through practical activities, using resources such as Numicon and tens frames to develop their understanding of number and place value.



Physical Education

This term PE lessons will be twice a week on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Gymnastics will take place on Wednesdays with Mrs Townend and football will be taught by Mr Goddard on Thursdays.

Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit which consists of:

- Plain navy-blue t-shirt with or without the school logo (no branded logos)
- Plain black shorts, leggings or cycle shorts (no branded logos)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no pattern, branded logos etc)
- Plain navy-blue sweatshirt (no hood, no pattern, no branded logos)
- Plain black trainers that are suitable for outdoor sport.
- All soles and logos must be black.



Please label all clothing, this includes shoes as they will be removed for gymnastics.

History

This half term in History, the children will begin to develop their understanding of what history is and how we learn about the past. We will explore the difference between the past and present and introduce the idea of timelines.



Geography



In Geography, we will first of all be learning what Geography is. The children will then learn about the United Kingdom, what the countries are called within the UK and where they are. They will also learn the capital cities of the countries within the UK. We will explore maps and globes and learn how they are used to learn about different places.

Art

Mrs McCormack will be teaching the children how to create their own sculptures. The children will use a variety of materials creatively to design and make their own products. As part of their learning, children will look at the work of artists, craft makers and designers, noticing similarities and differences, and making connections to their own creations.



Science

In science, children will explore a variety of everyday materials, learning to name, describe and compare them based on their simple physical properties and suitability for different uses. They will also investigate how materials can change shape through actions like squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. Throughout the year, children will develop their scientific skills by asking questions, observing closely, performing simple tests, classifying materials, and recording what they find to help answer their questions.



Library



Our library day will be **Wednesday**. Levelled reading books will be changed on this day only. If your child would like to change their reading book, please return it to school on Wednesday morning along with their bookmark and hand it to Mrs Millington.

The children will also have the opportunity to choose a sharing book from our library to enjoy at home with their family. Sharing books do not need to be changed every week, so children are welcome to keep their chosen book for as long as they wish.

Music

In music, the children will be learning about pulse and rhythm. They will learn what each of these terms mean and how to identify them in music. They will explore playing a pulse and playing a range of rhythms using percussion instruments.



Spanish



In Spanish the children will learn about Spain and develop locational knowledge. They will also learn how to say simple greetings and learn how to say numbers in Spanish.