

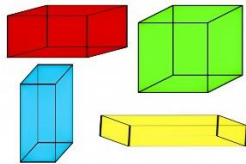
Year One
Spring 2026 Curriculum Newsletter



English



This term the children will be looking at a range of information and story books linked to our topics. Our learning will further develop our speaking and listening skills, through drama, discussion and role play. We will be practising storytelling and writing stories with a focus on the correct use of punctuation. We will continue to develop our phoneme recognition and use phonics across a range of reading and writing activities, applying our phonic skills to develop spelling. During whole class reading the children will practise their blending and develop their comprehension skills. Handwriting sessions will focus on the correct formation of letters and numbers.



Maths



In maths we will be developing our knowledge of number facts and completing simple calculations. We will extend our understanding of place value to numbers to 20 and beyond. In the second half term we will develop our understanding of doubling and halving and introduce measure including length, height and weight.

Science



In Science our topic will be Animals including humans. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Our lessons will focus on the scientific skill of sorting and classifying.

Computing



In Computing sessions, the children will continue to use a variety of ICT equipment to support their learning across the curriculum. They will be introduced to programming and de-bugging using simple programmable devices.



Topic

(A trip around the world)



Our topic this term will be 'A trip around the world'. The children will learn about life in other countries and have the opportunity to explore the clothes, food, music, art and traditions of other cultures. We will focus particularly on the UK, China and Kenya. In Geography, we will look at the geographical features of these countries and compare them to the United Kingdom. We will also be learning about the continents and oceans of the world and considering the changing seasons.

Inspirational day Friday 6th February- non uniform with a small empty bag or suitcase to take on the plane!

RE



In RE we will be thinking about the groups we belong to and what makes these groups special. We will look at the special ways new babies are welcomed. We will be exploring religious artefacts and learning about their importance in the Christian and Islamic faith. Near the end of the term we learn more about the Easter festival.



Art, Design and Technology

During Art sessions the children will experience a range of techniques and will create their own African silhouette pictures. In Design and Technology we will be designing and making fruit salads.

PE



Monday and Wednesday

In PE this term the children will be learning to move in time with music in Dance. They will continue to develop physical literacy skills during 'Movement Mondays'. The children will also have plenty of opportunities to build up their active 60 minutes a day, during their own learning time and with the equipment and activities at lunchtime.

PSHRE



Our core theme in PSHRE this term is 'Living in the wider world'. The theme will encourage the children to consider their personal strengths as learners and set themselves realistic goals. We will be thinking about our local environments. We will discuss improvements we could make to our environment, current issues and strategies we can use to care for it. During the second half term we will think about people who help us in the community and the different jobs people do.

Music



In music we will exploring and playing untuned and tuned percussion instruments. As a class we will create musical scores using a variety of symbols.