

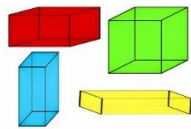
Year One
Summer 2026 Curriculum Newsletter



English



This term the children will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topics. We will further develop our speaking and listening skills, through drama, discussion and role play. We begin by exploring non-chronological reports about dinosaurs and learning more about non-fiction texts. We will then be practising storytelling and writing stories with a focus on the correct use of punctuation. During phonics sessions we 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. Daily handwriting sessions will focus on the correct formation of letters and numbers.



Maths



In maths we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will become fluent in counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and will learn how to divide using both grouping and sharing. The children begin to explore fractions looking at halving and finding quarters of both shapes and quantities. We will become fluent counting to 100, finding one more and one less, partitioning and completing simple addition and subtraction. We will also learn to tell the time using the vocabulary o'clock and half past. We will become confident at recognising different coins and notes.

If you would like to know more about the methods we use please take a look at <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael> for a series of videos explaining how maths concepts are being taught.

Science



In science for the first half of term, we will be investigating dinosaurs linking with our Dinosaur Detective topic. The children will learn what dinosaurs used to eat and whether they were a herbivore, omnivore or carnivore through a range of activities, including a dinosaur 'poo' investigation! We will also begin to identify and label parts of a plant and name a variety of common wild and garden plants. The children will also have the opportunity to plant seeds and care for the plants around the school. During the second half term we will be developing our knowledge of everyday materials and begin to create our own investigations.

Computing



In Computing we will use the Purple Mash data explorers to produce graphs. After half term we will make music using a musical beat programme.



Topic (Dinosaur Detectives and On Our Doorstep)



Our topic in the first half term is Dinosaur Detectives. In History we will learn about the life of fossil hunter Mary Anning. We will discover how we know so much about dinosaurs and why dinosaurs no longer roam the earth. During our dinosaur inspirational day, we will use our detective skills to solve a dinosaur mystery. During the second half term we will be learning about our local area; looking at maps, learning about different types of houses and how our town has changed over time.



RE

During RE lessons, we will identify why the Bible and Qur'an are sacred and holy to Christians and Muslims. We will discuss how faith stories can tell us about the way people should look after each other and the world. We will also compare whether everyone shares the same belief about how the world began.



Art, Design and Technology

During Art sessions the children will learn about the works of British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist Andrew Goldsworthy. They will create their own natural artwork in the school grounds. After half term we will be learning to create prints.

In Design and Technology, we will be making our own fossils, linking to our Dinosaur topic. We will also take inspiration from our local area studies in Geography to design and make our own playgrounds.

PE



In PE this half term we will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for sports day. After half term we will be learning to field and strike.

PSHRE



Our PSHRE this term will focus on our 'health and wellbeing'. We will be learning about the importance of being physically active as well as how to look after our minds and bodies. In the second half of the term, we will be looking more at 'Changes' in preparation for moving to Year 2.

Music



In Music this half term we will be listening and responding to a range of music and creating our own musical stories. During the second half term we will be preparing for our summer production. We will be learning songs and playing instruments to enhance our performance.