

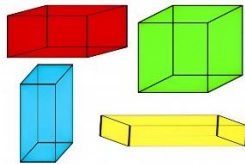
Year One
Autumn 2026 Curriculum Newsletter



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 our sentence structure and writing simple sentences with capital letters and full stops. 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 reading sessions, 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 looking at numbers to 100 and developing fluency in using numbers to 10. We will work on our number bonds to 10 and using these to solve simple problems. We will develop simple addition and subtraction strategies and become familiar with part, part, whole models and the use of tens frames. In the second half term we will also look at the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. Our maths lessons will be very practical using resources to support our understanding of number systems.

Science



In Science the children will learn about parts of the body and how to keep themselves healthy. We will investigate the five senses and learn more about the seasons. After half term we will be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials and distinguishing between an object and the material which it is made from. We will think about why different materials are used for different objects based on their properties. Throughout the term the children will carry out different scientific experiments, learning the skills needed to carry out simple investigations.

Computing



In Computing sessions, the children will be using Purple Mash. We will begin the term learning more about accessing the resources and staying safe online. We will then learn how IT is used in school, in our homes and in the wider world. We will use the chrome books to create and save digital art. We will use this art to create our own games.



Topic

(This is me!)

Our topic this term will be 'This is me!' Our first half term focuses on the children's lives. In History we will think about our toys and how they compare to those from the past. **Inspirational day Friday 25th September- toy dress up.**

After half term we learn about the Circus. We will learn about where the circus originated from and enjoy a fun packed inspirational day. **Inspirational day Wednesday 18th November- circus character dress up.**



RE

In RE we will be thinking about how Christians and Muslims give thanks. We will learn more about the Harvest festival and how it is celebrated. We will also study the symbolism of light in the Christian and Islamic faith and find out more about the Christmas story.



Art, Design and Technology

In Art we will be producing self-portraits. We will also learn more about the artist Van Gogh and recreate his picture 'Starry Night'. In Design and Technology, we will create moving pictures based on our circus topic.

PE



In PE this half term we will develop basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching as well as developing balance, agility and coordination during our multi skills unit. In the second half term we will be learning the skills of travelling, jumping, turning, stillness, balance; changing shape, size, level, speed and tension in our Gymnastics lessons. Each Friday we will have the opportunity to practise other fundamental movement skills during Fitness Friday.

PSHE



Our core theme in PSHE this term is 'Relationships'. We will talk about families and friendships and developing safe relationships. We will think carefully about respecting ourselves and others. We will also learn about empathy and managing our own feelings and emotions.

Music



The children will learn about rhythm and beat. They will use their own bodies as percussion instruments and sing call and response songs. We will also learn about different genres of music.