



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2026



Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to the autumn term ahead and having the children back to school. This is how the curriculum looks for this term.

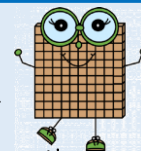
English



We will be exploring a variety of writing styles this term including character descriptions, narratives, letter writing and instructions. We will be focusing on Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig and How to be a Lion. The key aims for this term are to ensure children can use capital letters, full stops and space their writing successfully on a page.



Maths



We will be developing children's mathematical understanding through place value, addition, subtraction and shape. Children will practise counting, reading, writing and representing numbers, as well as finding one more and one less. They will develop their addition and subtraction skills using practical resources and pictorial representations, including learning number bonds within 20 and solving simple problems. In our shape work, children will learn to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes and explore their features.

Science



Plants

In Science, we will be exploring the wonderful world of plants. Children will learn to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will look closely at plants and trees to identify and describe their different parts, such as roots, stems, leaves, flowers, trunks and branches. Children will also have opportunities to observe plants in our local environment and notice how they change over time.



Seasonal changes

After half term, we will move onto 'Seasonal Changes'. During this unit we will be looking at the four seasons and how we can identify the different seasons based on the weather and changes in plants such as trees. We will also observe how day length varies depending on the season.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Thursday for 1 and on Wednesday and Thursday for 1P. This term we will develop skills such as hand-eye coordination, throwing and catching in Football and Handball.



Topic



Toys Past and Present (history)

Our topic for the first half term has a history focus. We will look at toys within and beyond living memory, and discuss why they have changed over time.

Seas and Coasts (geography)

After half term, we will focus on geography. We will use maps to locate and identify oceans, continents and British beaches and seas. We will also use compass points to move around a map.



In **R.E.** this term, we will look being thankful and belongingness.

In **Computing**, we will have an introduction to Purple Mash and will be using iPads to create and follow instructions.



This term in **P.S.H.E.**, we will explore Being Me in My Own World and Celebrating Difference.

In **Art** we will be exploring mark making using range of techniques.

In **DT** we will be creating stable structures.

Homework and Spellings

- One piece of homework will be set on a **Friday** and due back to school on a **Wednesday**. We will set English and maths homework on alternate weeks, although a piece of Science or Topic may occasionally be sent out instead.
- The children will also be using Spelling Shed to learn their weekly spellings and logins will be in Reading Diaries.
- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to change their reading book each week, although they should establish a deep understanding of the text before changing books. Book levels will be based on Phonics groups. Their reading books will be changed on a Wednesday. They will also have a chance to swap their library book on a Wednesday.
- Children will be read with regularly in school so please keep their reading diary in their bag to be brought into school **every day**.