

Year 1 Curriculum Overview

English

Spelling – weekly spelling tests focussing on that week's phonics learning, plus common exception words
Grammar and Punctuation – Pupils will focus on the correct use of capital letters, full stops and spaces between words. They will rehearse sentences orally to ensure they make sense.

Writing – Pupils will learn how to use adjectives to write character descriptions. They will also learn to write short stories and diary entries. We will also introduce the 'Reading Dogs' to support the pupils' comprehension skills.

Chosen Texts – Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, Information texts, Aliens Love Underpants and The Enormous Turnip.



Autumn Term 2025

Maths

Place Value and Addition and Subtraction

The children will be working on counting and using a number line accurately when counting on and backwards. We will also be encouraging the children to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and develop a quick recall of their number bonds to 10. We will be working on addition and subtraction for the half term and using different methods to solve these.

Religious Education

This half term our topic is 'Creation and Covenant.' Pupils will learn about the Creation story from the Bible and discuss how we can care for God's world. They will reflect on the beginning of 'The Creed' and the 'Our Father' and know that praying is a way we draw closer to God.

Next half term our topic will be 'Prophecy and Promise.' Pupils will learn about the Nativity story. They will reflect on the 'Hail Mary' and the beginning of the 'Gloria.'

Science

This half term, and revisited throughout the year, pupils will learn about 'Seasonal Changes.' They will observe changes across the four seasons, and observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

Next half term children will learn about the 'Human Body and Senses.' They will be able to identify which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Geography

Our topic this half term is 'Weather and Seasons'. Children will learn about the different types of weather and how they can impact different jobs. They will think about appropriate clothing for each weather type and explore the changes that each season brings.

History

In the second half term, our topic will be 'Why do we remember the fifth of November?' Children will learn about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate on Bonfire Night.

Computing

This half term, pupils will learn about online safety and will explore Purple Mash. They will learn to log in independently and navigate this site. Next half term, pupils will use Purple Mash to use pictograms to record the results of an experiment.

Music

This term's focus is 'Rhythm'. The children will: Learn about rhythm and pulse using movement, singing and percussion.

We will also be preparing the songs for the Christmas Nativity.

PE & Sport

Pupils will focus on ball skills over the Autumn term. They will develop their dribbling and passing, and combine their sending and receiving skills to keep possession of a ball.

PSHE

This half term the pupils will explore their emotions and learn how to recognise when they are feeling happy, sad, worried and angry. They will discuss the importance of rules and develop class rules together as well as thinking about what it means to be a 'good friend'. Next half term, pupils will discuss what makes them unique and how we can celebrate our differences.

Design & Technology

Next half term our DT topic will be 'Moving Pictures', based on Traditional Tales we have learnt about in English. They will explore existing products, draw simple designs, make a moving picture and evaluate their product.

Art & Design

This half term the pupils will be introduced to sketchbooks as a place of personal exploration. Children will begin to explore mark making and experiment with how they can use the marks they make in their drawings. They will learn that how they hold a drawing tool or move their body will affect their drawings they make.

Rich experiences/trips

Rise Theatre visitng.

Nativity rehearsals and performance.