

# 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 continue to 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 setting descriptions. They will also learn to write short stories, instructions and short poems. We will continue to use the 'Reading Dogs' to support the pupils' comprehension skills.

**Chosen Texts** – Zahra, Dangle, The Disgusting Sandwich, The Giant Jam Sandwich, Miranda the Castaway, The Squirrels Who Squabbled



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## Maths

### Place Value and Addition and Subtraction

The children will continue to develop number skills, focussing on place value and addition and subtraction. They will learn to partition numbers into tens and ones and write calculations such as  $10+8=18$ ,  $18-8=10$ . Children will also learn about measures; length and height, and mass and volume. They will use non-standard units to measure these.

## Religious Education

This half term our topic is 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. Pupils will learn about the different ways that meeting Jesus impacted upon people. The children will learn stories from the Gospel of Luke. We will discuss Jesus' mission and how we can carry this on within our own lives.

Next half term our topic will be 'Desert to garden'. We will be discussing Jesus time in the desert. We will start to recognise the importance of giving to others and we will begin to sequence the events of the last week that Jesus was alive.

## Science

This term, the children will be learning about 'Animals including humans'.

They will learn to group and sort animals into the five groups of vertebrate; reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and fish. They will also learn the names of animals in these groups and look at what they eat.

## Geography

Our topic this half term is 'The United Kingdom'. Children will be taught the names of the countries in the UK along with their capital cities and the seas around the UK. They will also learn about physical and human features.

## History

In the second half term, our topic will be 'What was life like for our grandparents?' We will look at what household items such as irons and televisions would have looked like and similarities and differences between then and now.

## Computing

This term, pupil will learn about coding using Purple Mash. Pupils will learn how to create and run a simple program. They will also learn how to create and debug an algorithm using 2Go.

## Music

This term we will be exploring rhythm and beat further on unpitched percussion and the glockenspiels using the rhythm café rhythms. We will also be learning the song 'Round and Round' and using this to sing as a whole class and in smaller groups.

## PE & Sport

Pupils will begin the term by learning to explore gymnastic movements and balances on the floor and apparatus. In the second half term, children will learn how to control and co-ordinate their bodies to perform a sequence of movements, including a balance (freeze position).

## PSHE

RSE – The children will discuss special people in their lives and how to treat others with respect. Next half term, the children will discuss good and bad secrets, physical contact, harmful substances and will discuss who they should talk to if needed.

## Design & Technology

Next half term our DT topic will be 'The Pirate's Lunchbox', They will explore existing products, draw simple designs, make a lunchbox with a handle. The children will then evaluate their product.

## Art & Design

This half term the pupils will be learning about printing. They will use their hands to print using paints and explore a range of mediums such as chalks, felt pen and different pencils to create marks.

## Rich experiences/trips

World Book Day workshops  
'Wild West' drama workshop  
Odds Farm Park trip