



Year 1 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 2 2026

What will your child be learning this half term?

<u>Phonics-</u> In class, children will be looking at our set 3 sounds. Groups and phonics books are set accordingly to ability. 	<u>Religious Education (R.E.) -</u> Lent- This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Lent as a time of change and of growing to be more like Jesus by following his example. In the unit the children will explore various aspects of Jesus' message and ways in which Christians can apply these to real life situations. Forgiveness- This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the importance of forgiveness as a gift we receive and as a way that we can show love to others. The unit will also explore the choices that children make, that these can be good or bad and the consequences that arise from them. The unit will also develop the children's understanding of the need to say sorry when bad choices are made. Holy Week- This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the important events of Holy Week and how they tell of the last days of Jesus' life on earth. The unit focuses on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross.
<u>Writing</u> In our English lessons, we will read different texts and then write simple sentences about them. Each sentence will begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop. We will also be learning about verbs, nouns and adjectives this half term.	<u>Maths -</u> In maths, children develop their understanding of numbers from 0-20, using them in a range of everyday contexts. They learn how numbers 11-19 are made by combining tens and ones, helping them build strong number sense. Children are also introduced to unitising through coin recognition and begin counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to support early money and multiplication skills.
<u>Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar -</u> This half term, we will be focusing on our capital letters, full stops, adjectives, verbs, nouns and conjunctions.	<u>Mental Maths -</u> ✓ Number bonds to 10 and 20 ✓ Simple addition within 10 and 20 ✓ Subtraction within 10 and 20 ✓ Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's ✓ Counting to 100 and back.
<u>History- Explorers and Adventurers</u> In this unit, children learn about explorers and adventurers from the past and present. They find out why people explore, where explorers travelled, and what they discovered. Through stories, maps, and simple comparisons, children learn about different places in the world and the challenges explorers faced. The unit encourages curiosity, bravery, and an interest in the wider world.	<u>Science - Seasonal Changes - Spring and Summer</u> In this unit, children learn how the seasons change, focusing on spring and summer. They explore what the weather is like, how plants grow and change, and how animals and people behave differently in warmer months. Children observe signs of spring such as new flowers and baby animals, and signs of summer such as longer days and warmer weather. They also learn how to stay safe in the sun and how seasonal changes affect everyday life.

<u>Physical Education (P.E.)</u> Children will need their PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.	
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<u>Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) -</u> This half term we are learning about the difference between good and bad secrets, helping children understand when to speak to a trusted adult if something worries them. We will explore respectful and safe physical contact, celebrate Easter and Culture Day, and learn about the dangers of harmful substances and how to keep ourselves healthy and safe.	<u>Music-</u> Children will increase their range of simple songs, learning to use their voices with growing confidence and control. They will explore singing at different volumes and pitches, and be introduced to <u>signing alongside songs</u> , supporting communication, coordination and inclusive participation.
<u>Computing -</u> This half term in computing, children will develop their typing skills by learning how to navigate the keyboard.	

Other Important Information
<u>Homework in Year 1</u> We encourage children to read every day for 15-20 minutes to help build confidence, fluency, and enjoyment in reading. Please support this by signing your child's planner to show that reading has been completed. Spellings will be stuck into planners each week. Practising these little and often at home will really help your child's progress. Spelling tests take place every Friday. For Mental Maths, children should practise counting to 100, addition to 20, and subtraction within 20. Short, regular practice makes a big difference. Children are also asked to spend 8 minutes per week on NumBots, which is a fun and interactive way to strengthen number skills and build confidence in maths. Your support at home is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in your child's learning. <i>If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment- we are here to help. Miss Perry and Mrs Mistry</i> Important dates: • Wednesday 4th March - One Life Retreat Day • Thursday 5th March - World Book Day • Tuesday 10th March - Parents' Evening • Wednesday 18th March - Stay & Pray for Year 1 & 2 parents at 2:45pm • Thursday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day • Friday 27th March - Easter Culture Day • Friday 27th March - Break up for the holidays