



Year 1 Autumn 2025

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

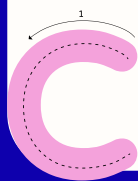
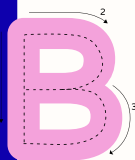
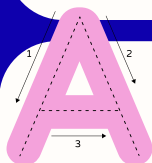


Autumn Term

Welcome to our Curriculum Newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term.



English



In English, we will continue practising handwriting, focusing especially on capital letters. The children will practice writing accurate simple sentences, ensuring they include a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces. We will also enjoy sharing a variety of stories, both fiction and non-fiction, and poems throughout the term to support their reading and inspire their writing.

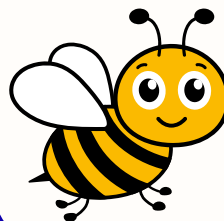


Phonics

In Phonics, the children will continue practising the long vowel sounds and applying these in their reading and writing. We will also be learning new red and green tricky words. There are words that children need to recognise by sight.



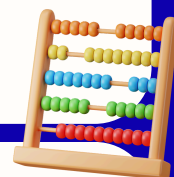
Our book this term is Bees.



Maths



This half term, our focus is on addition and subtraction within 10. The children will be using practical resources, pictures and number sentences to help them develop a secure understanding of these key skills. We will also be encouraging them to explain their reasoning and talk about the strategies they choose.



Science

In Science, our focus is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be exploring different types of animals and digging deeper into their classifications by comparing groups. We will also be investigating the diets of a variety of animals.



Heartsmart

In HeartSmart, our focus will be 'Don't Forget to Let Love In'. Using our story, Boris the Robot, and a range of creative activities, the children will explore what it means to show love and to be loved. We will be thinking about kindness, self-worth and how we can build positive relationships with others.

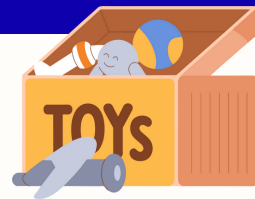


PE

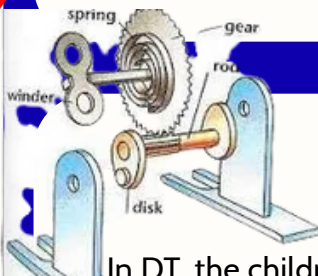
This term in PE, we will be focusing on fundamentals and fitness. Children will develop their basic movement skills, coordination, and overall physical fitness through a variety of fun and engaging activities.



History

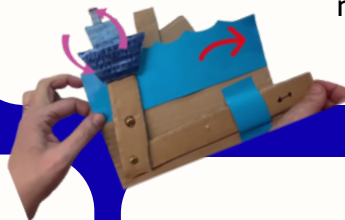


Our History topic this term is 'Toys: Past and Present'. The children will be exploring how toys have changed over time, comparing materials, mechanisms and designs. We are excited to offer a hands-on experience with a selection of old and modern toys to bring this learning to life.

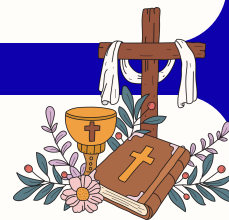


Design and Technology

In DT, the children will be finding out what a mechanism is, with a particular focus on sliders and levers. They will have the chance to investigate how simple moving parts work and will create their own product using these mechanisms.



RE



In RE, we will be learning about why Christmas matters to Christians. The children will explore the Nativity story and different Christian traditions. We also have a visit to the church planned, giving the children the opportunity to see how Christmas is celebrated in the community.



Dates for diary.

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Show 9:00am

Friday 12th December - Kemp Rudolph Run & PTA Elfidges Christmas Shop

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Services for pupils

Thursday 18th December - Class Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumpers

Monday 5th January 2026 - School re-opens to pupils

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