

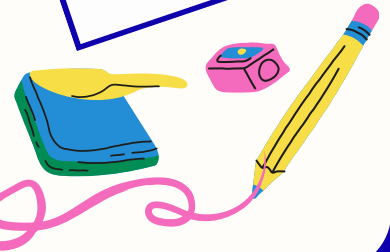


Year 1

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CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



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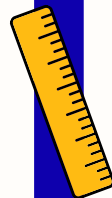
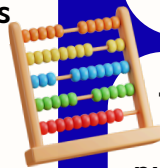
Welcome back to Year 1. We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some special time together. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, filled with lots of new learning and experiences for the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home.

Our book for this half term is Mr Norton's New Hat



English

We are starting the term with our new book Mr Norton's New Hat, which follows Mr Norton as he proudly wears his new hat, only for it to cause a series of funny and unexpected problems. We will continue to write accurate sentences using capital letters and full stops, and begin to extend our ideas using "and" and "because" when appropriate. Alongside this, we will be reading non-fiction texts, writing questions and learning how to use exclamation marks. We will also continue to develop our Oracy skills, practising speaking clearly and confidently as we rehearse sentences and retell stories out loud.



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Maths

This term in Maths, Year 1 pupils will be developing their understanding of numbers to 50. They will practise counting forwards and backwards, as well as representing numbers using objects, drawings, and numerals. The children will then move on to learning about measurement, where they will explore length and height, and compare and measure objects. They will also investigate weight and mass, followed by capacity, using practical activities to compare and describe different amounts.

Science

This term in Science, Year 1 pupils will be learning about plants. They will explore what plants need to grow and stay healthy, including water, sunlight, and warmth. As part of their learning, the children will plant bean seeds and observe how they change over time, keeping a simple plant diary to record their findings. They will also learn to identify and name the basic parts of a plant, such as roots, stem, leaves and flowers, and explore different types of plants in the local environment.



Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about China and the animals that live there. We will locate China on a map and explore what life is like there, comparing it to our own by asking: What is the same and what is different about life here and life in China? The children will also learn about rainforests and jungles, including the animals that live in these habitats and why it is important to protect them.





PSHE

This half term, we will learn about different types of relationships, including family, friendships and people who help us. We will explore how to make friends, show kindness and resolve simple conflicts. We will also learn about feelings, understanding how others might feel and how their actions can affect others. Throughout our lessons we will develop skills in communication, cooperation and recognising what makes a positive, healthy relationship.



PE

In PE, we will be focusing on Athletics and Sending and Receiving. In Athletics, we will develop basic skills such as running, jumping and throwing, improving their coordination and control, as well as preparing for Sports Day. In Sending and Receiving, pupils will practice throwing, catching and rolling, learning to control a ball and work with a partner. These activities will help build teamwork, confidence and fundamental movement skills.



Homework and Home Learning

We will continue to send home two reading books each week to support fluency and comprehension. Weekly homework will include a maths activity, a phonics activity and a challenge task to extend learning.



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 20th May – Thursday 21st May – Whole School Arts days
- Thursday 21st May – Charity Colourful Run (PTA)
- Wednesday 3rd June – Parent event 9.00am – 9.40am
- Monday 8th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening (2 week period)
- Friday 12th June – Chocolate Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bottle Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bingo Night/Fish and chips (PTA)
- Thursday 25th June – Sports Day – Reception/Year 1) 9.00am – 10.30am
- Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July – Whole school transition afternoon

Computing

This term in Computing, Year 1 pupils will be introduced to coding. They will learn that computer programs follow instructions called code and begin using simple object and action code blocks to create their own programs. Children will explore what events are in coding and understand how these trigger actions, as well as learning about outputs and how to 'read' code to predict what a program will do. They will also have opportunities to change elements of the design and plan and create their own simple computer programs.

In Computing, we will be becoming "Data Explorers." We will learn how to create and follow simple instructions, organise information and record findings digitally. They will also practice using basic computer skills safely and confidently, developing their understanding of how technology can help us explore and solve problems.

DT

In DT, children will learn the basic skills of sewing using simple stitches. We will begin by exploring and naming objects made from fabric, describing how different materials look and feel and choosing fabrics based on their texture. We will practice threading a needle and making a series of even running stitches, following the lines of a simple design.



RE

This term in RE, Year 1 pupils will be exploring what it means to belong to a faith or belief community. They will learn about different religions, including Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, as well as non-religious worldviews such as Humanism. Through stories, discussions, and activities, children will begin to understand how people show they belong, what is important to different communities, and how beliefs can influence the way people live.

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