

Year 1
Autumn Term 1
September - October 2025



Dates for your diary

12th November - Class 4 assembly
19th November - Class 3 assembly

2nd December - Educational visit - Shakespeare North
Playhouse - Cinderella

English

In English this half term, Year 1 will be focusing on developing their basic skills, including handwriting, spelling and sentence writing. We will be practising these important skills through a range of exciting and engaging texts such as *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Oh Frog!* and *Stuck*. These stories will inspire the children's reading, writing and creativity, while giving them opportunities to build confidence and enjoyment in their English learning.

Phonics

Children will continue with the Read, write, Inc. phonics scheme. They will be taught all the sounds to help them read words. They will also be taught how to segment words to spell.



Science

Materials - In this topic children will distinguish between an object and material from which it is made. They will identify and name a variety of everyday materials and describe their simple physical properties.

Physical Education

In PE, Year 1 will be learning and perfecting their fundamental movement skills. Pupils will also be working on their ball skills with Mr Hathaway.

PE days for Year 1 are: **Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Art

In art, we will be exploring colours. We will identify primary colours and make a secondary colour wheel by mixing paints. Our focus will be on the work of Clarice Cliff.



Mathematics

Maths this term will include:

- Counting to 10 - forwards and backwards.
- Reading and writing numerals to 10 in numbers and words.
- Making number bonds.
- Addition and subtraction.

Religious Education

Branch 1 - Creation & Covenant - Pupils will hear the Creation story from the Bible and discuss what God has given us and how we can care for it. Children will explore the *Laudato Si* - written by Pope Francis and reflect upon how they can care for our common home. They will also explore prayer and recognise that it can be done in lots of different ways.

Humanities

Local Area - In this unit, Year 1 will explore our local area through first hand observations and looking at aerial maps. Children will draw and label their own maps from their observations.



PSHE/ RSE

Journey in Love - Children will discuss the ways that they show care and love in their family.

No Outsiders - Year 1 will be exploring the importance of liking themselves as they are. They will also talk about being inclusive to both boys and girls.

Families and Relationships - Children will learn that families can include a range of people. They will look at friendships and how to overcome problems in them. They will also explore different emotions and feelings they and other people have and how best to respond to them.

Reading books will be sent home every Monday and should be returned to school on Friday. Please support your child by listening to them read daily. We also encourage you to read to your child each day to help nurture their enjoyment and love of books.

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