



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful time off during the Easter break. Please find below a summary of the main learning areas during this term for Year 1 and some general reminders. With the weather getting nicer please can you ensure your child has a hat and sun cream with their name on it. Please ensure they have sun cream on in the morning, and they can top it up throughout the day when needed.

Homework

As you all know, reading for at least **10 minutes, 5 nights a week** (this can just be a few pages and doesn't have to be a whole book) is a must for each child. Please ensure you complete their reading record each time they read, sign it, and include a comment if possible. It has been proved in studies how these home reading sessions will really help your child to progress in reading and writing. Year 1 children will be changing their reading books on a daily basis.

Please can you make sure your child has their reading record in school every day. If you have any issues or difficulties reading with your child each day, then please come and speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

Spelling shed will be set for children in year 1 linked to the Little Wandle phonics they are learning.

P.E

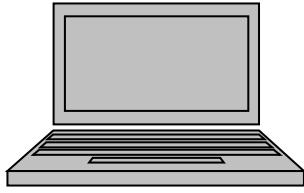
Year 1 P.E, sessions are on a Monday this term. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear in school for P.E. lessons – a white t-shirt, navy shorts, plimsolls/trainers, a warm top, jogging trousers. Please ensure these are labelled with their name so they don't get lost.

Could you please also ensure that earrings are removed on days your child has P.E. due to health and safety reasons. Children are NOT able to take part in P.E. sessions if wearing earrings.

If you have any questions please come and speak to your child's teacher.

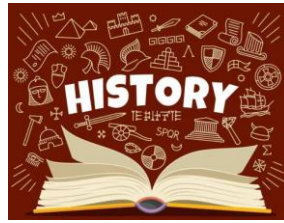
Thank you for your continued support.
The KS1 team.

Summer Term 2026 Curriculum Topics for Year 1



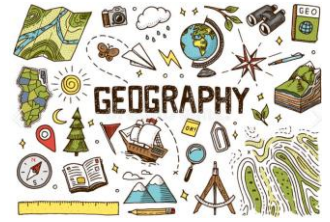
Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about algorithms and how to operate simple programming using Bee-Bots. We will be evaluating our programmes, identifying and correcting any mistakes that may arise.



History

This term in history, we will learn about the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We will explore what her childhood was like and find out how she became queen. We will also discover the important impact she had during her long and remarkable reign.



Geography

In Geography this term, we are exploring the topic 'Africa'. We will be looking into the continent of Africa and the countries within it. We will explore the wonders Africa holds and the wildlife that lives there. This closely links to our English class book 'One Day On Our Blue Planet – In the Savannah'.



Art

In Art, the children will learn about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques and how to apply those skills in painting and printing.



Religion and Worldviews

In Religion and Worldviews, we are going to be learning about the topic 'How do we know that new babies are special?'. We will be finding out about different ceremonies to welcome home a new baby and explore some of the symbolism in these ceremonies.



Music

In Music, we are going to learning about 'pitch' and how to identify high and low notes in a piece of music. We will be learning how to compose a simple tune to represent a superhero.



PE

In PE, the children will be engaging in cricket, tennis and athletics units. In cricket, they will strengthen their throwing and catching skills as well as being introduced to batting and striking elements. In tennis, the children will develop their racket skills through fun and challenging tasks and become more confident in their movement and balance.

The second part of the term will see the children work their way through the unit of athletics and explore throwing and jumping games as well as getting themselves ready for our annual Sports Day event by participating in different types of races.



Design and Technology

This term in Design and Technology, we will be exploring *Cooking and Nutrition*. The children will learn how to safely prepare food, including cutting and juicing ingredients. They will choose a variety of fruits and vegetables to design and make their own smoothie, while learning about the nutritional value of different foods and how they help keep our bodies healthy.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring *Relationships*. We will be identifying members of our family and understanding different types of families. We will explore other relationships such as friendships and what qualities a good friend has.