



KS1 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

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 Years 1 and 2 and some general reminders.

This term we are going to be doing some fun things based on our topic 'Africa', which will include our school trip to Whipsnade Zoo. 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 and 2 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. Spelling Shed will be set weekly for children in Year 2, linked to Little Wandle spelling.

P.E

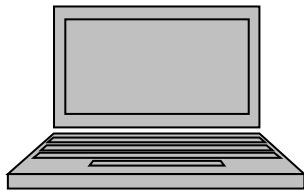
Year 1 and Year 2 P.E. sessions are on a Monday this term. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear in school for P.E. lessons – a white t-shirt, navy shorts, plimsolls/trainers, a warm top, jogging trousers. Please ensure these are labelled with their name so they don't 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 class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.
The KS1 Team.

Summer Term 2025 - Curriculum Units for KS1



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.



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.



Art

In Art, the children will be learning about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques and applying these skills in painting and printing. They will be encouraged to explore colour and creating a painted plate in the style of an artist.



Religion and Worldviews

Year 1:

In Year 1, 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.

Year 2:

In Year 2, we are going to be learning about 'where do some people talk to God?' We will be investigating why people choose to go to places of worship.



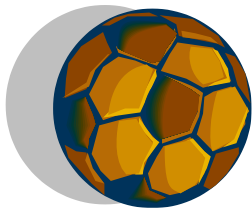
Music

Year 1:

In Year 1, we are going to be 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.

Year 2:

In Year 2 this term we will be practicing for our Music Festival and exploring the topic 'Musical Me'. We will be exploring the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well', playing it using tuned percussion and reading simple symbols representing pitch.



P.E.

During the Summer Term, our Year 1 children will be taking part in Cricket and Tennis, as well as preparing for Sports Day by engaging in an athletics unit. In Cricket, they will explore fundamental key skills such as throwing, catching and striking. In Tennis, the children will learn the key basics of racket sports, including correct grip, point system and types of shots. As we approach the end of the school year, the children will engage in an athletics unit and explore how to run at different speeds and the basic principles of competing in a race.



DT

In DT, we are going to be exploring different structures. The children will be introduced to windmills and their different functions. They will then have the opportunity to make their own windmills. The children be able to follow a design criteria when creating their own windmill structure. They will be learning how to make functioning sails/blades and be able to evaluate their final product.



PSHE

This term in PSHE, we are exploring the topic '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 person has, to be a good friend.