



Autumn Term 2026

Parents' Curriculum Information

Phase 1 (Year 1)

English



For the first half of the Autumn Term, we will be learning about under the sea, pirates and fantastic beasts and then we will be learning about space and polar regions in the second half of term. We will be writing in lots of different genres e.g, poems, stories, information text etc. We continue to reinforce the basics of sentence writing; teaching children to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in their writing. Children will have whole class reading sessions where they will learn skills such as prediction, inference and sequencing skills. They will read either 1:1 or in a guided reading group. A half termly overview will be sent home in children's home learning books and their reading logs to share what we will be learning in phonics. Please use this to help reinforce the graphemes and have a go at spelling the words try putting them into sentences.

Maths



We will continue to build on our number skills using lots of practical activities to help us recognise and use numbers to 20. We will be developing out counting skills, counting forwards and backwards from any number as well as finding one more and one less. We will be focusing on our number formation and ensuring our numbers are formed the correct way, particularly with our teen numbers. We will also use our number skills by practicing adding—using practical and written methods to help. At home, you may want to try some number activities at home such as:

- Practicing recognising numbers to 20, then beyond.
- Counting forwards and backwards from any number up to 20.
- Saying one more or one less of a number.

Science, History and Geography



During the first half of the term, the children will make a map of the United Kingdom complete with some of its most interesting and famous geographical features.

In our Science learning we will be learning about the weather and the changes in seasons as well as labelling plants and exploring evergreen and deciduous trees. During our 'Fantastic Beasts' topic, we will be learning about Mary Anning as an important historical figure and focus on why people still remember her today.

Computing and Online Safety



During our computing learning this term, we will think about how to keep ourselves safe when we use computers and the internet in school. We will recognise that people online might make us feel sad, embarrassed or upset and know when and who to ask for help. We will also use the Bee Bots, programming and debugging them to make a journey from one part of a map to another as well as using laptops to improve our mouse skills.

PSHE and RE



This half term in RE we will be focusing on Christianity and learning about how Christians feel a sense of belonging to this religion and baptism. We will relate this to the children's lives and how they belong to different groups including school and other clubs outside of school, identifying how individuals are similar and different in these groups. In the second half term we will be learning about Judaism and why doing good deeds is so important to Jewish people. In PSHE, we will be exploring 'Being Me in My World'. As we start our new year we will be looking at our classroom rules and considering how we can make our school community a better place by considering everyone's rights, responsibilities and feelings. Then we will be exploring the topic 'Celebrating Differences' and exploring ways that we are similar and different to our friends.

Physical Education



In our 'Fundamentals' unit we will explore improving some of our basic skills such as hopping, skipping, jumping etc. In our 'Team Building' unit we will be working together with pairs and a group to play some games and apply our skills. Indoor PE kit should have shorts, t-shirt and trainers and outdoor PE kit should have a warm tracksuit and trainers. Earrings must be removed on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back. For the first half of the Autumn term, PE will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please check tapestry for updates about our PE days.

Art, Music and Design and Technology



In Art, we are exploring the unit 'Woven Wonders' and learning how to weave fabric and paper to create artwork. In DT, we are exploring the unit "Fruits and Vegetables". We will learn about where you find the fruit/vegetable on the plant, try some and then design and make a healthy smoothie. In music the children will explore keeping the pulse together through music and movement.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mr Pettitt or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful Autumn term!

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