Class 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn - 2026

Science

What are we learning?
In the first half of the summer term, we will be learning about the weather and seasons. During the second half of the term, Class 1 will be learning about the human body and the five senses. They learn the names of the parts of the body, which body part is associated with each sense and carry out simple investigations.

Computing

What are we learning?
Before half term we will be exploring commands, instructions and errors through programming a Bee-Bot.
After half term we will be developing creativity through planning a miniature adventure story and capturing it using photography.
We will also be learning about online safety.

Religion and World Views

What are we learning?
Our focus for RE for the first half term is "Who is Muslim and how do they live?" where we will be learning about; The 5 Pillars of Islam, some of the 99 names of Allah, and what Muslims believe the Prophet Muhammad was like. We will also be looking how Christians celebrate Harvest Festival.
Our focus for RE for the second half term is "Why Christmas matters to Christians?" where we will be learning about the Christmas story, reflecting on how the different characters in the story might have felt, looking at Christmas cards, and learning about how many Christians celebrate Advent and Christmas. We will also be looking how people celebrate Diwali.

PE

What are we learning?
We will be focusing on running, jumping and dodging.

History

What are we learning?
Our theme this term is Local History. In which we will be using primary and secondary sources to learn how our local community has changed over time.

English

What are we learning?
We will be writing stories, information text, instructions and poems linked to the books: Rosie Revere Engineer, Stanley's Stick, Outdoor Wonderland and What I like.

DT

What are we learning?
We are learning where food comes from, how to chop, grate and peel fruit and vegetables, and using these skills to prepare healthy balanced salads.

Maths

What are we learning?
Reception Matching, counting, comparing, subitizing, naming shapes, creating and continuing simple patterns.

Year 1: place value, addition, subtraction and shape.

Year 2: place value, addition, subtraction, money and shape.

Art

What are we learning?
We will be looking at architecture and urban landscapes through photography and recording surface textures.
We will be learning how to create monoprints and printing using a polystyrene printing plate.

PSHE

What are we learning?
Through the themes of Relationships and Valuing difference we are going to be thinking about class rules and why we need them, talking about family and friends, the difference between bullying and teasing, feelings, what makes us special and acts of kindness.

Music

What are we learning?
We are learning about dynamics, making links between music, sounds and environments and representing calm or stormy seas.
We will also be learning about sound patterns, exploring clapping along to repeated words and phrases and creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairytale.

French

What are we learning?
To say bonjour, introduce ourselves and French words for numbers and different fruits.
How can we help at home?
Here are the links so you can enjoy singing at home too!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nYjGy_ZUG8
https://youtu.be/l0a4jv-h4Ro
https://youtube.com/shorts/48YbRYcNV6s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJ03KjwiIVM

Geography

What are we learning?
In Geography we are learning to name the points on a compass, draw sketch maps focusing on scale and introducing the idea of fieldwork.