

Autumn Term - Year 1

English Writing

We are practising sounding out words to help us spell them, remembering finger spaces, forming our letters correctly and using capital letters and full stops. We will develop our writing through a range of exciting activities, including enhanced provision, oral rehearsal and dictation.

Key vocabulary: sentence, full stop, describe

Reading

We are reading and talking about a range of exciting stories, including: Wow! Said the Owl, Seasons Come, Seasons Go, Pumpkin Soup, Little Red Riding Hood, Red and the City and Letters from the North Pole. We are learning to make predictions, answer questions, discuss characters and events, and share our ideas and opinions.

Key vocabulary: predict, sequence, character

Phonics

We are learning new sounds and tricky words using the Little Wandle phonics scheme. We will practise blending sounds to read words and applying our phonics knowledge through reading, writing and dictation activities.

Key vocabulary: grapheme, digraph, trigraph

Maths

We are developing our understanding of numbers to 20 by exploring place value, reading and writing numbers, comparing numbers and learning our number bonds. We will practise addition and subtraction within 20 and explore common 2D and 3D shapes in the classroom and the world around us. We will also begin learning about time, length and height, as well as creating repeating patterns using objects, colours and shapes.

Key vocabulary: greater than, less than, equal to

Science

Plants: We are growing our own plants and will get outdoors for a plant hunt! We'll name their parts and learn how they change through the seasons.

Animals including humans: We'll explore different types of animals, what they need to survive and design homes and diets for our favourite animals.

Key vocabulary:

deciduous, evergreen,
herbivore, omnivore, carnivore, survive



History



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We are learning how things change over time by exploring objects, photographs and artefacts from the past. We will put events and objects in chronological order and talk about changes in our own lives and how life was different when our parents and grandparents were children. We will also develop our understanding of historical vocabulary, including language used to describe when events happened.

Key vocabulary: past, present, recently, artefact



Geography



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We are exploring our local area and learning to identify familiar places and landmarks using maps, photographs and aerial views. We will develop our map skills by following and describing routes, using simple symbols and creating our own maps. We will also observe and record the weather, explore the changing seasons and notice how our local environment changes throughout the year.

Key vocabulary: map, landmark, weather, season



Religious Education

We are learning about **caring** and how people show kindness, care and concern for others. We will find out how believers and religious communities help and support people in need, and find out why these actions are important to them. We will discover what **belonging** means, and the ceremonies that mark special moments in people's lives. We will bring these concepts to life through stories, discussions and activities from celebrations in the Sikh, Islam and Christian faiths, to understand how these special occasions help people feel loved, valued and connected to others.



Key vocabulary:

care, kindness, community, believer, ceremony





Music

We are developing our singing skills by learning nursery rhymes and familiar songs, focusing on pitch and control. We will sing songs from memory and begin preparing for our Christmas performance.

Key vocabulary: pitch, rhythm, melody

PSHE

We are learning about our school community, making choices, working together and understanding the importance of compromise and belonging. We are also exploring different types of families, valuing ourselves and developing positive friendships.

Key vocabulary: compromise, family, friendship



French

We are learning that people around the world speak different languages. We are learning to greet others in French and developing our vocabulary for animals, colours and size.

Key vocabulary:
Bonjour, grand, petit

P.E

For outdoor PE, we are developing our throwing, catching, attacking and defending skills.

For indoor PE we are exploring dance and gymnastics through our Starry Skies and Jungle themes.

Key vocabulary:
throw, defend, balance



Art

We are exploring a range of artistic techniques and materials to create our own flower gardens. We will experiment with painting, drawing, sculpture and digital art, developing our creativity and learning how different media can be used.

Key vocabulary: colour, texture, sculpture, media



Computing

We are learning to use technology safely and sensibly, develop our keyboard skills and create digital artwork using shapes, lines and colours.

Key vocabulary: keyboard, digital, create

