Year 1 2026-27

Term 1 Parent/Carer Overview

The Core

Reading/ Phonics

Reading

Your child will be exposed to a wealth of story books during whole class reading including; The Colour Monster Goes to School, The Naughty Bus and many more. Your child will begin to develop simple reading comprehension skills such as; retrieval, through whole class activities.

Phonics

In phonics this half term, your child will: read and write words consisting of 3, 4 and 5 sounds; write dictated sentences developing spelling accuracy; and continue to explore sounds with more than one letter.

Writing

Place Value Punctuation

This unit will introduce your child to grammar features of a sentence. They will begin to explore nouns and verbs within a sentence. Your child will develop their understanding of what a sentence is and how to punctuate sentences using a capital letter, finger space and full stop.

Maths

Number and Place Value

Your child will participate in daily NCETM maths activities to support with number sense and fluency. Your child will sort and count numbers and objects to 10. Your child will begin to represent numbers within 10 in a variety of ways including the use of tens frames, Numicon, counters and pictures. They will then begin to find one more and one less than a given number. Your child will be exposed to number lines and number tracks to support with their counting.

Science

Plants

Across this half term, your child will explore plants, including trees, that we see in the wild, in gardens and in our local area. Your child will label the main parts of a plant (leaves, stem, and petal) and understand their purpose.

They will look at trees more closely and explore the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, through the support of our Enquiry Superhero 'Commander Classify'. This will help your child understand how and why plants change over the seasons.

The Creatives

Art & Design

Art & Design will be taught in Term 2.

Design & Technology

Fruit Kebabs

This half term, your child will make a fruit kebab.

Your child will explore their own likes and dislikes when tasting different fruits. They will then use their findings to design their own fruit kebab, considering how it is going to be made and what ingredients they will need.

When making their fruit kebab, your child will cut their chosen fruit and follow their design to create their kebab.

Music

Ocarinas

This term, your child will explore an ocarina and begin to experiment with the different sounds that it makes. They will begin by discussing different families that musical instruments belong to. Your child will learn to play a 'C' note and begin to explain how the sounds change when different holes are covered.

Your child will develop confidence with using an ocarina to perform independently and within an ensemble.

The Humanities

Geography

Geography will be taught in Term 2

RE

What can we learn about Christianity from visiting a church?

This half term, your child will find out what happens in a church, including significant festivals and celebrations. By visiting a local church, they will be able to identify features of a church and explain why it is an important place for Christians. They can ask a Minister their questions about Christianity. The topic will conclude by retelling the Christian creation story.

History

All about me

This term, our focus will be on understanding important historical concepts, such as the past, the present, chronology and living memory.

Your child will begin to understand the concept of 'then' and 'now' and sequence objects from their living memory and beyond. After talking about their own memories, your child will create a timeline of events within their own life.

The Wider Curriculum

PE

Fundamental Skills

This half term, your child will develop skills associated with throwing, catching and bouncing a ball. They will move in different directions and at various speeds.

Commando Joe

Your child will take part in various missions to develop teamwork skills.

Computing

Keyboard and Mouse Skills

This term, your child will learn to navigate a keyboard and use a mouse correctly. They will begin to operate a mouse and a keyboard with purpose and control. They will begin to type their own name on a computer using a keyboard.

MFL

Building Foundations

In support of the teaching of French in KS2, your child will be encouraged to listen, repeat and use simple French greetings, listen and follow instructions and begin to recognise names of simple numbers.

PSHE

'Being Me'

This half term, our topic is all about ourselves and our sense of belonging. Your child will explore the aspect of safety and who and what helps us feel safe. They will create a set of rules to help them feel safe and learn in the classroom. Your child will also explore rewards and begin to explore the feeling of pride. They will discuss and discover different ways that they are proud of themselves, and why other children in their class are proud of them.