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Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2026

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This Term...

Year 1 Curriculum

Geography – Bright Lights, Big City

In geography, the children will continue to learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, including their location, capital cities and some of their physical and human features. They will do map work, using compasses and positional and directional language to plan routes around London. They will research the cause and impact of the Great Fire of London and look at some famous London landmarks. They will learn about other capital cities around the world, including Kuala Lumpur, and compare how they are similar and different to London.

Science – Seasonal changes

In science, children will continue to learn about the seasons. They will compare deciduous and evergreen trees, learn about how seasons affect animals and make comparisons. They will find out what types of weather there are and what causes the weather. They will look at what the weather is like in each season and discover why the lengths of daytime and nighttime change in different seasons. They will observe and measure the wind, learn how to read the temperature and measure rainfall.

DT – Shade and Shelter

In DT, they will learn about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes.

Art – Rain and Sunrays

In art, the children will learn about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif to make single and repeated prints. They will explore line, shape as well as texture before creating their own weather collagraph.

Year 2 Curriculum

Geography – Coastline

In geography, the children will continue to use maps to learn about the location of the world's seas and oceans, keys to learn about map symbols and directions on a compass. They will learn about the human and physical features of a coastline, including the effects of erosion and how to stay safe when visiting the coast. They will learn about the work of the RNLI, what happened to the SS Rohilla and about the coastal town of Whitby, including how Captain Cook is linked to the town.

Science – Plant survival

In science, children will learn the names of the different parts of a plant and how they grow. They observe how the seasonal changes affect how plants grow. They will learn how new plants can grow from seeds and bulbs and what they need to germinate. They will use their observational skills to find out where plants like to grow and investigate what plants need to grow and stay healthy. The children will then use their research skills to find out about some unusual plants.

Art – Flower head

In art, children will learn about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. They also explore various artistic methods, including making a 3-D form using paper.

Homework

Year 1 and 2 homework is sent out on a Thursday. Please return completed homework by the following Tuesday.

Please read with your child at least 3 times per week and note this in their reading record. Teachers check children's reading records weekly.

Thought of the term...



Be honest and helpful
Self-respect and responsibility
InMAT value: Integrity

PE Days

Year 1 – Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

How I can help my child at home

Maths

In Term 4, Year 1 will learn about measurement: length, height, weight and volume. Year 2 will learn about fractions and properties of shape. Activities which support this: measuring household items using a ruler, seeing if objects are taller or shorter than one another, finding a $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers and shapes.

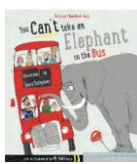
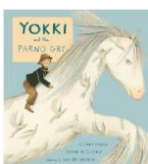
English

Year 1 will write instructions and a character setting and description for royalty. Year 2 will write for the same plot but from a different viewpoint. Activities which support this: Writing simple sentences with capital letters and full stops, learning common exception word spellings.

Dates for the diary

- 5th March - World Book Day
- 12th March – Year 2 Writing Workshop with Parents
- 17th March – Year 1 Walk to St. Mary's church
- 17th March – Parent's Evening – 3:40-5:30pm
- 18th March – Science Fossil Workshop Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
- 19th March – Parents' evening – 3.40 – 7.30pm
- 19th March – Comic relief non-uniform day
- 20th March – School event in memory of Renuka Popat
- 25th March – Year 1 Phonics Workshop with Parents
- 26th March – Friends Easter Disco Year 1-3 - 5-6pm
- 27th March – Friends Easter bonnet Competition
- 27th March – End of Term 4
- 13th April - Training Day (school closed to pupils)
- 14th April- school re-opens to pupils 8.40am
- 21st April – Year 1 trip to Stanwick Lakes

Reading Recommendations – Year 1



Reading Recommendations – Year 2

