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Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2026

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This Term...

Year 1 Curriculum

History – School Days

In history, children will continue to learn about traditional Victorian classes and differences between schooling in the Victorian era and schooling today. They will learn about objects found in a Victorian classroom and how they were used. They will research Samuel Wilderspin, an important figure in the development of schooling for young children in the Victorian era, whose ideals are reflected in schooling today.

Science – Animal parts

In science, children will learn about animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. They identify and describe their common structures, diets, and how animals should be cared for.

Art – Street View

In Art children will learn about artwork depicting streets and buildings and focuses on the work of the American pop artist, James Rizzi. They create a 3-D mural based on Rizzi's work.

Year 2 Curriculum

History – Magnificent Monarchs

In history, children will continue to learn about English and British monarchs from AD 871 to the present day and consider how the power of the monarchy has changed over time. They will study six significant sovereigns; Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II. Finally, they will choose which of the sovereigns that they have studied is the most significant.

Science – Animal survival

In science, children will continue to learn about growth in animals by exploring the life cycles of some familiar animals. They build on learning about the survival of humans by identifying the basic needs of animals for survival, including food, water, air and shelter.

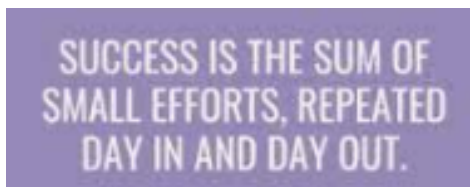
DT – Push and pull

In DT, children will learn about three types of mechanism: sliders, levers and linkages. They make models of each mechanism before designing and making a greetings card with a moving part.

Art – Portraits and Poses

In Art, children will learn about portraiture. They will analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today. They use photo editing software to create royal portraits.

Thought of the term...



Be your best
Aspiration and courage
InMAT value: Inspiration

How I can help my child at home

Maths

Year 1 will learn about numbers to 100, time and money. Year 2 will learn about time and weight, volume and temperature. Activities which support this: counting to 100, looking at coins and their value, reading the time on an analogue clock. Measuring and weighing ingredients on a weighing scale.

English

Year 1 will write a persuasive leaflet and a traditional tale. Year 2 will write a recount and instructions. Activities which support this: Writing simple sentences with capital letters and full stops, learning common exception word spellings.

Dates for the diary

1st June – Start of Term 6
w/b 8th June – Year 1 Phonics Check week/Year 2 Phonics Check retakes week
22nd June – KS1 Sports day (1:15pm)
23rd June – Year 2 Whipsnade trip
3rd July – Mufti Day – bring a bottle for the fete.
6th July – Transfer afternoon
8th July – School summer fete 3-5pm

13th July – Reports sent home
15th July – Opportunity for parents to see Class Teachers about reports
17th July – End of Term 6

Reading Recommendations – Year 1



Reading Recommendations – Year 2



