

Maths

We begin our Summer Term 1 exploring a range of topics such as:

- Read and write numbers from 1 - 20 in numerals and words
- Add and subtract 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- Capacity and Volume
- Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts and a quarter as being one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.
- Describe position, direction and movement, including half, quarter and three-quarter turns

We will recap previously taught topics and build on these throughout the year.



Year 1

April - May
2026

English

Our English learning this half term will focus on traditional tales. We aim to write an information text, a postcard and a journey recount. We will use Lost and found, Meerkat Mail and Percy the Park keeper to support our writing.

Our grammar focus is using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly. Throughout all our pieces we will be showing our understanding of these skills and build on this by using the conjunction 'and' and I as a capital letter. We will be practising writing from the margin, using the correct letter sizing and writing all the letters on the line. We will also work on our knowledge of the Year One common exception words.

What we will be learning...

Science - Plants

- To understand what a plant is and where they can grow.
- To identify parts of a flowering plant
- To identify and name wild and garden plants
- To identify and name deciduous and evergreen trees
- To recognise that new plants come from seeds and bulbs (Plant lifecycle)

History - How have explorers changed the world?

- To describe what an explorer, know some objects that support them and investigate how they may have travelled to their destination
- To ask questions about different explorers and their achievements
- To order events from an explorer's story on a timeline. - **Christopher Columbus**
- To use photographs to find out about the past. - **Matthew Henson**
- To identify how exploring has changed over time.
- To describe what is important about some explorers and their discoveries

Topics -

- Science - Plants: Introduction to plants
- History - How have explorers changed the world?
- RE- How can we learn from sacred books?
- Computing - Information Technology: Grouping and Sorting
- Music - Pitch (Superheroes)
- PSHE - Safety & the changing body and Citizenship
- PE- Strike and field games

We will be encouraging the children to be using full sentences, to understand the difference between 'playground talk' and 'classroom talk' and prompting them to use their manners.

General Reminders

Uniform - Please send your child into school with full uniform and black shoes. Please ensure your child's name is on their clothing especially ties and jackets, as they may misplace them and we will find it easier to return these items if we know who they belong too. With many children in the class, it may be hard to find a lost item if they have no name.

Homework - Homework will be given to take home every Friday and handed back into school on a Wednesday. It is important that you encourage and support your children with their homework, but *please do not do it for them*.

PE - Year ones PE day is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please send your child into school with their full PE kit. This will be either school jacket, white PE top and shorts or joggers. Your child may also wear plain black leggings and a plain white top with a school jumper or cardigan over the top. Please refrain from sending your child in colourful clothes or football kits as this is not our policy. If you would like to discuss the expectations of PE clothing please speak with a teacher or the office.

Reading Books - Please make sure children have their reading books and reading journals in school every day. We expect your child to read a minimum of 3 times a week at home, this will massively support your child's reading age, phonics understanding and support their spellings. Please also sign your child's journal if you have read at home, we will only change your child's book on a Wednesday if they have read the book three times at home and the journal has been signed three times to reflect this.

Water bottles and snack - School will be providing the children with water and fruit for playtime. However, if you would like to send your child with a small piece of fruit and a small water bottle this is also okay. Please do not send anything other than fruits for playtime.

Important dates - Please look out for our Friday newsletter sent out on school spider, this will contain important dates for your child's time at school and any events around school.