



## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term (1) 2025

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<p><b>Reading</b> This half term we will be enjoying daily story times using books the children have chosen at our 'voting station.'</p> <p>Small guided reading groups will take place throughout the week which will support home reading and focus on developing our inference, prediction and sequencing skills as well as decoding the text.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> Our English topics this half term are a recount of 'Our Trip to the Woods' and a poetry unit 'When I am by myself'</p> <p>We will be building on the skills taught in reception as well as writing longer sentence applying our new phonic knowledge</p> <p><b>Phonics</b> We will be starting our phonics scheme and getting to grips with a new way of working! Children are streamed into groups for phonics and each group work independently.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b> Reading is so important throughout school and we ask you to read you're your child each night, even if it is just 5 minutes. Please make a note in their reading record so that we know when books are ready to be changed. <i>Please can you ensure reading books are in school bags every day as children may be called to read on any day.</i> <b>Reading and library books are changed on a Friday.</b></p> <p><b>Spellings</b> We will soon be giving out spellings. These will be tested on a Friday. Please practice these throughout the week. <b>Score will be added to homework books which should be returned to school on a Thursday.</b></p>
Maths	This half term we will be recapping our prior learning and building upon it. Our focus is place value (understanding what numbers represent and their order) and addition and subtraction within 10.	<p><b>Maths at home</b> All children will soon be given a log in for the <b>Numbots</b> website. This is a great resource to support our maths learning. The games are also great fun and there are certificates for those who work hard!</p>
R.E	Our focus this half term is ' <b>Who do Christians say made the world?</b> ' We will look the creation story and Harvest festival.	
Computing	In computing we will be introducing the basic skills needed to use computer programmes.	
Science	Our Science topic is <b>Identifying and naming materials</b> in which there will be lots of practical learning using natural and man-made materials	Please could you ensure that the children always keep a pair of wellies in school as we often go outside whatever the weather to discover the great



		outdoors.
<b>PSHE</b>	This half term our focus is - <b>Me and my relationships</b> . We will be discussing our emotions and the feelings of others.	
<b>History</b>	This half term our focus is <b>History</b> , and we will be looking at <b>L.S Lowry and the Industrial Revolution</b> . We will be learning about the artist's work and how it helps us to understand life at that time.	If you have any Lowry prints at home we would love to share them in class.
<b>Art</b>	Our topic this half term will focus on developing the skills of <b>Drawing – Making your mark</b> . We will look at different types of line work and how to use pencils effectively to create.	
<b>P.E.</b>	In PE, we will be working on <b>fundamentals skills</b> and <b>Dance</b> . In fundamentals we will be learning about moving in different ways such as running and skipping, and changing direction. In dance we will learn about how to count in beats of 8 and use our creative skills to make u dances.	PE days are <b>Thursdays</b> and <b>Fridays</b> . Please send your child in their PE uniform on those days. Pumps should be left in school for indoor activities.
<b>Music</b>	We are very ucky to be supported by the Alpha Music Team who will be helping us to teach the skills of music performance, creation and appraisal.	

#### Other Useful Information

##### Equipment

Just a reminder about equipment. Children may bring to school:

- A small bag and packed lunch box.
- **No pencil cases please** – stationery will be provided.
- A small, named bottle of plain water **every day please.**
- A healthy snack e.g. fruit, cereal bar- **no nuts please due to allergies in school.**

Please note jewellery including **earrings of any type** are not allowed in school. All hair accessories should be in school blue.

**Please label all items** clearly with your child's name, especially cardigans and jumpers!

##### **A note for children and parents from Mrs Tanner**

A huge welcome back and even bigger welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a brilliant summer. Myself and Miss Parkinson are really excited to get to know the children and their families

We want all the children to feel safe, happy and respected so please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can help you with.

Kind regards  
Mrs Tanner