



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term (1) 2026

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

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<u>Phonics & Handwriting</u> We are starting Read, Write Inc. Phonics this September. This will take place daily. This 25 minute Phonics session will include speed sounds and handwriting. Children will be in different groups for Phonics. <u>Reading & Writing</u> We are starting Read, Write Inc. Reading and Writing this September. This will take place daily. This 45 minute session will include reading comprehension and writing opportunities. Children will be in different groups for Reading and Writing.	<u>Reading</u> Reading is so important and we ask you to read you're your child every night, even if it is just 5 minutes. Please make a note in their reading record each time you read. <i>Please ensure reading books are in school bags every day as children may be called to read on any day.</i> • Library books changed on Tuesdays. • Home reading books changed on Fridays. • Phonics books will be allocated week by week on Oxford Owl (please just read the book for the week as these are linked to current learning). • Purple Mash also have a selection of texts for you to read at home.
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.	<u>Maths at home</u> All children will soon be given a log in for the Numbots website. This is a great resource to support our maths learning. The games are also great fun!
R.E	Our focus this half term is ' Who do Christians say made the world? ' We will look the creation story and Harvest festival.	
Computing	In computing we will be looking at Technology Around Us . We will be defining and understanding what technology is at school, home and beyond. We will be using Purple Mash.	<u>Computing at home</u> All children will soon be given a log in for the Purple Mash website. This is a great resource to support our maths learning. The games are also great fun!
Science	Our Science topic is Identifying and Naming Materials . There will be lots of practical learning using natural and man-made	Please could you ensure that the children always keep a pair of wellies in school as we often go outside whatever the



	materials.	weather to discover the great outdoors.
PSHE	This half term our focus is - Me and my relationships . We will be discussing our emotions and the feelings of others.	
History	This half term our focus is History , and we will be looking at L.S Lowry and the Industrial Revolution . 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.
Art	Our topic this half term will focus on developing the skills of Drawing- Making your mark . We will look at different types of line work and how to use pencils effectively to create.	
P.E.	In PE, we will be working on fundamentals skills and Dance . 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 up dances.	PE days are Mondays and Thursdays . Please send your child in their PE uniform on those days. Pumps should be left in school for indoor activities.
Music	We will be using our new scheme on Sparkyard. Our first unit is Move to the Beat where we will explore pulse and rhythm.	

Other Useful Information

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.**
- Fruit is provided or your child may bring a piece of fruit for their morning snack.

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 Horrocks

A huge welcome back and even bigger welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a brilliant summer. We 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 Horrocks