



YEAR 1

SUMMER 2026 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

For all the essential information about what we will learn during the this term.

English

Toys In Space

- Join words and clauses using 'and '
- Add suffixes to verbs where no change is needed to the root
- Change the meaning of verbs and adjectives by adding prefix 'un'
- Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- To write a fantasy story about some toys who are taken onto a spaceship. They will be changing the characters in the story

Goldilocks and Just the One Bear

- Use simple description
- Sequence sentences to form short narratives (link ideas or events by pronoun)
- Use a capital letter for places and days of the week
- To write a new version of the story with a new character or new setting

Science

Plants

- Know that a plant has roots, a stem, leaves, a flower
- Know the function of each part of the plant
- Know that a tree has roots, a trunk, branches and leaves
- Know that there are different types of plants and trees and can name some common plants and trees
- Know that some trees keep their leaves all year while other trees drop their leaves during autumn and grow them again during spring

Mathematics

Money

- Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes

Numbers beyond 20

- Recognising numbers to 100 and the value of these numbers

Multiplication and division

- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher

Length, height and capacity

- Compare, describe and solve practical problems for: lengths and heights
- Compare, describe and solve practical problems for mass/weight
- Compare, describe and solve practical problems for capacity and volume
- Measure and begin to record the following: lengths and heights, mass/weight, capacity and volume, time (hours, minutes, seconds)

History

Local History - Learning about our city

- Know that the town crier is a person who speaks to people in Chester
- Know that the town crier makes his/her announcements from Chester Cross in Chester
- Know that lots of people come to hear the town crier announcements

Religious Education

Happy Human

- Know that Humanists think that the world formed naturally which started with the Big Bang and that people evolved
- Know that Humanists do not believe that God exists
- Know that the Humanist symbol is called the Happy Human, designed in 1965
- Know that Humanists believe in the Golden Rule - Treat others how you would like to be treated
- Know that it is important to treat everyone equally

Islam

- Who do Muslims say Allah is
- Know that Muslims believe in One God, they call him Allah, he has 99 beautiful names
- Know that Muhammed is the last prophet of Islam

Judaism

- Know that Jews follow Judaism and believe in one God
- Know that the Torah is the Holy book for Jews and is same as the Old Testament of the Bible
- Know that Christians believe the God of the Old Testament sent Jesus to save them

Geography

- Know where our food comes from
- Know that there are four countries in the United Kingdom - England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland
- Know that the capital cities of the United Kingdom are London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast
- Know that the four main points of the compass are North, South, East and West
- Know that maps, atlases and globes can be used to locate countries, continents and oceans

Personal, Social, Health & Relationships Education

Being my best

- Recognise the importance of fruit and vegetables
- Recognise that we have different tastes
- Know how some diseases can spread and that we can do things to reduce the spread
- Demonstrate attentive listening skills
- Give and receive feedback as well as solve conflict

My Happy Mind - Engage

- Learning what engage means
- Recapping habits that we have learnt to help us feel good
- How we can achieve our goals when we feel good
- How to set goals
- How to stay focused when things get tough

Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish

- Be able to listen to and follow instructions in Spanish
- Know the days of the week in Spanish

Physical Education

Athletics

- Apply the correct technique for jumping.
- Explore skipping
- Run applying the correct technique to ensure maximum speed

Bat and Ball skills

- Push (hit) their ball towards a target
- Vary the power they apply based on the distance of the target
- Understand the meaning of aiming and power and understand how to utilise these skills in order to be successful

Art

Sculptures

- Know that Barbara Hepworth was a famous English sculptor
- Know that different techniques such as pulling and pinching create different effects in clay

Design Technology

Food

- Taste and evaluate a range of fruit
- Understand basic food hygiene practices
- Demonstrate how to use a knife safely to cut fruit
- Select a range of fruit and blend to create a fruit dish

Computing

Use Technology Safely

- Begin to understand how to keep personal information private
- To know what devices can be used to obtain photographs
- To save images with a suitable name
- To retrieve images and import them into a program
- To change the size and position of an image
- To manipulate an image by adding text to it

Common uses of technology Bar Codes

- Know that technology is used in many different ways outside of school and I can describe some
- Know that a barcode is used to identify different products and that the same products have the same barcode. A barcode links to information about a product
- Know that a QR code links to information online
- Know that a password is used to protect information online
- Know that I can talk to trusted adults if I am worried about anything online

Music

Musical Instruments

- Recognise and name 3 instruments from Group A and 3 instruments from Group B (A - claves, woodblock, triangle, drum. B - tambourine, rain stick, egg shakers, maracas)
- Know that notation is read from left to right

Local Visits You Can Do

- Picnic in the park
- Grosvenor Museum
- Chester Cross for the Town Crier Saturdays at 12pm
- Practise buying items in the shop with money

Homework

- Homework is set on a Thursday. Your child will receive a Little Wandle Reading book, a pleasure for reading book, Little Wandle spellings and alternate English and Mathematics task
- It is due back to school on a Tuesday where it will be marked
- Your child is expected to read daily

Useful Websites

- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games
- www.bbc.bitesize
- www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org
- www.topmarks.co.uk

PE and Forest School

- PE Days are Tuesday and Wednesday
- There is no Forest School this term

Upcoming dates:

- 27th April: Summer Term Clubs begin
- 29th April: Year 1 Trip to Grosvenor Museum
- 4th May: Bank Holiday (School closed to pupils)
- 6th May: Year 1 Curriculum Showcase for Parents at All Saints' Church 1.45pm (Families welcome)
- 15th May: Team 1J Assembly 2.30pm (Families welcome)
- 19th May: Non-uniform Day
- 19th May: PTA Reception and KS1 Disco 3.20pm-4.30pm
- 21st May: Hotdog Day (change to usual school dinner menu)
- 22nd May: Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
- 23rd-31st May: School Holidays
- 1st June: Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
- 9th-12th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests
- 12th June: PTA Summer Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm (Families welcome)
- 22nd June-10th July: Swimming Lessons
- 13-17th July: Sports Days (year group days tbc - Families welcome)
- 17th July: Team 1H Assembly 2.30pm (Families welcome)
- 21st July: Colour Run 3.45pm
- 23rd July-31st August: School Holidays

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