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Loving hands ♥ hearts ♥ minds

Welcome to Year 1 and 2! Below is some information, which we hope will enable you to become more familiar with the routines within your child's class. Children make far better progress when home and school work together. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment;

Thank you.

**Autumn 1 2026-2027: This term we will be learning lots of new and exciting things!**

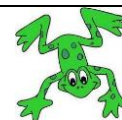
### **Home Learning and Reading**

Daily reading is extremely important. We listen to your child read every day in school and we expect you to listen to your child read every day for 5-10 minutes at home. Please sign their reading record every time you read with them. Books will be changed on Mondays.



### **English: Read Write Inc and Ready Steady Write**

We are continuing to follow the phonics reading and writing scheme; Read Write Inc, where your children will learn how to decode and blend sounds. This will help them read and write sentences confidently. I will continue to send home virtual classroom links for the children to watch at home, giving them extra practice.



We will also be following the literacy scheme 'Ready Steady Write' where we will dive into a story book each half term and create pieces of writing from the book. This half term we will focus on recounting the story and extending our sentences. The book this half term is 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey.

### **RE: Creation and covenant**

Through this topic we will help children explore the Christian belief that everything that is comes from a loving God. The children will learn that God is an active creator who gifted humanity. We will explore and learn about the World and be thankful for it. We will then think about how we can look after our World and show thanks to God. We will have lots of opportunities to look outside and go to a park in the local community to reflect and be thankful.



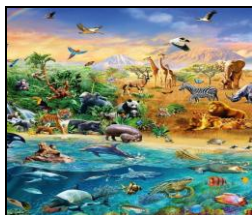
### **Mathematics: Numbers up to 10**

The children will be consolidating their learning, and we will initially focus on numbers to 10. They will count and write numbers to 10, compare and order numbers and find one more or one less than a given number. The children will develop the skills of addition and subtraction by learning how to count on and count back from any given number. The Year 2 children will complete number word challenges and learn about tens and ones, looking at patterns in number lines and grids.



### **Science: Living things and their habitats**

This half term we are exploring and comparing the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will also be describing how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain and identify and name different sources of food. We will explore habitats in our local



area and learn about what animals need to survive.

### History: Air Travel

This half term we will be learning about the history of air travel. We will look at some important people in history who shaped air travel to what it is today, such as, the Wright brothers, Montgolfier and George Cayley. We will explore how humans have experimented with different ways of flying and the first flights throughout time. We will then think about what air travel is like today and how it has changed over time.



### Physical Development



In games, the children will be developing fundamental movements, continuing their gross motor development. In gymnastics, they will be learning how to move like animals and move their bodies around apparatus safely. ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. PE is on Tuesday and Thursdays.

### Music

In Music, we will be learning that diction is when we announce words when we sing. We will learn beats in music and identify a piece of music. We will then know the importance of rehearsal in developing a performance and call and response to a familiar song. We will also be learning about how music can change speed and what a pulse and duration means in a song. We have our music lesson on a Tuesday morning.



### Computing

Our first computing topic is 'Technology around us.' We will be looking at the definition of technology and what different types of technology does to help us. We will then start to look at learning the basic skills to control a computer, including mouse control and keyboard skills. If you have technology at home, you can support by reinforcing some of these skills in apps such as Paint.

### Art

This half term we will be looking at the art work of Daniel Mackie. We will study his work and look how he created his pictures before making our own. We will learn how to draw basic animal shapes and then how to add the detail of the habitat into the animal outline.



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### PSHE

This half term we will be starting our learning by thinking about what makes us special and unique. We will then move onto simple body part labelling and think about how we can keep ourselves clean and healthy. We will also be celebrating Black History Month in October and we will be looking at the religious beliefs in Judaism.

### Useful websites and further information:

Phonics Games:

[www.phonicshero.com](http://www.phonicshero.com)  
[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Mathematics and Reading Games:

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)  
[www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/ebooks](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/ebooks)  
[www.ICTgames.com](http://www.ICTgames.com)  
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