



Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 1 | Autumn Term 2 | 2025



Dear Parents and Carers.

What a fun packed half term it has been! The children have settled in and are adapting well to the more formal learning of Year 1. We are continuing with our hard work and will begin some interesting topics. Please see below what the children will learn and how you will be able to support your child at home. Science and History coverage is outlined on the attached knowledge organisers.

This half term, our topic is Gunpowder Plot and we will be focussing our learning around the key question ***Why do we celebrate bonfire night?***

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

The children will take part in an interactive Perform workshop in role playing key events of The Gunpowder Plot. Children will have the opportunity to take part in creating fireworks soundscape and meet Guy Fawkes and take a time capsule back to 1605.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

- Now Press Play
- Bonfire night at school
- Project loan boxes
- iPads

Our 'Showstopper' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Bonfire night at school – children and families will be invited to light sparkles and share our learning with families.

Our 'Shared Outcome'

The podcast will be recorded and shared on Seesaw and with our peers across KS1
Will also share some photos on our Instagram page.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject this half term:

English:

Key texts/genres:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- poetry

Key skills:

- Setting Description
- Similes, Adjectives
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension
- oracy

Maths:

Key topics:

- Part-whole model(partitioning)
- Addition and subtraction
- Fact families – addition facts
- Number bonds within 10
- Systematic number bonds within 10
- Number line work
- Subtraction

Science:

In science the children will be learning about materials and their properties.

Useful websites and places to visit:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=104>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-the-gunpowder-plot-home/zsb7wnb>

History: The children will be learning about The Gunpowder Plot. The children will increase their awareness of the past by finding out about Guy Fawkes and other significant individuals involved in the plot. The children will deepen their understanding of the events of the Gunpowder Plot through several speaking and listening activities.

RE: We will be focusing on the religion Hinduism. Our key question will be: What can we learn from the Diwali Story about good and evil?

DT:

The children will create a Gunpowder Plot moving pictures using 'sliders' technique.

PE: Children will learn the principles of having rules in sport games. Children will learn how to travel using their body parts focusing on their speed and directions.

Music: The children will be introduced to the songs they will need to learn for their Christmas performance.

PSHE: Children will be focusing on 'Celebrating Differences'

Computing: The children will be learning how to make a range of sounds using their iPads and record their voice, adding different effects

Reminders:

PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays.
NO JEWELLRY should be worn on PE days.

