

Ready for outdoors!

We will still be spending plenty of time outdoors to expand our learning. Please make sure the children have a warm coat and warm clothes as we get into winter. Gloves and a hat will really help too. Please don't dress up in anything too smart as it can be very muddy.

Homework

The most important homework is for your child to read at least 4 x a week and please fill in their reading record every time they read. This information helps us if your child does encounter any difficulties when learning to read. The more each child reads, the more fluent and automatic reading becomes. The aim with fluency will be to build reading speed to, at first, 60 words per minute, then 90, and finally 120 words per minute while reading at above 90% accuracy. This fluency is key to comprehension as children continue with reading through school.

We will start to increase the amount of other homework set. It will be set every Friday. Homework may include:

- Phonics and spellings activities on EdShed
- Maths task set on MyMaths; Maths fluency practice on the 'Hit The Button' website.
- Tasks related to their topic

Reading diaries will be checked each week and Dojos given as a reward. To develop a love of books, we will share story books for parents to read to their children every Friday after school.

Forest Schools

Forest Schools for all children in Year 1 & 2 is on a Wednesday. They will need to bring their Forest Schools kit each week. This needs to consist of waterproofs, wellies, and a hat and gloves.



Curriculum on a Page

for Parents

Class 1 Years 1&2

Spring Term 2025

How Do We Build A

Community?



Geography

Our main focus this term is 'How Do We Build A Community?' We will find out what 'community' means and which communities the children are part of. We will visit a local village, town and a city to look what differences there are and what facilities exist for the local community. We will develop our map-reading and map-making skills, mapping out what we discover in school and our local area.

We will meet and interview members of the community, including community police, local councillors and the vicar to find out how people help others and build a strong community.

English

To start off, we will write a story based on the Smartest Giant and find out how he helped everyone in his community before they helped him in his moment of need.

We will read Martha Maps It Out and will practice our instructional writing based on the maps that we explore in the book.

After half-term we will read 'Small In The City' and visit a city before writing recounts about our experience. Finally, we will read the picture book 'Lost' and write a persuasive letter explaining how we can build a stronger community.



Science

This term we continue learning about everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass and metal and find out about their uses.

We will also be looking at seasonal changes, particularly autumn and winter and as we head into Spring we will learn about plants.

PSHE

In 'Growing and Changing' we will be learning about the changes we go through as we go up, from birth. We will start to learn differences between males and females as well as the correct names for our body parts.

In 'Going for Goals' we will find out our strengths as a learner and think about what we can do to learn more effectively.

Music



First we will be developing our composition skills by 'Inventing a musical story.' After half-term we will be continuing to recognise and appreciate different genres of music in our 'Learning to listen' topic.

PE

PE for all children in class 1 is on Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on both of this day.

We will be learning team games, dance and, gymnastics this term.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics – the Y1 children will continue with learning Phase 5 phonics. At present they will continue to read Phase 4 books and will start to read Phase 5 phonics books later in the term.

Year 2 children have now finished the phonics scheme. They will now read books to build fluency and also recap any gaps in their phonics knowledge.

We will read class books and help the children develop their inference and prediction skills

Design & Technology

In Design and Technology, as well as perfecting our junk modelling skills, we will be making a fabulous fairground wheel.

We will also be learning how to prepare a simple meal that contains all of the food groups. You may even get an invite to come and help us eat it!

Maths

Year 1 children will focus on place value and understanding numbers to 20. They will then build on their skills to add and subtract within 20 before moving on to place value to 50 as well as learning about measures of length, height, mass and volume.

Year 2 children are firstly learning about how to recognise, count and solve problems involving money before moving on to multiplication and division. will look at numbers to 100. They will then learn about measures of length, height, mass, volume and temperature.

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be learning what Christians think God is like. We will then be finding out about the beliefs and customs of Judaism. Towards the end of term, we will be learning about easter and why it is so important to Christians.