

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

Welcome back to school after a much needed Christmas break! The children worked so hard throughout the Autumn term I hope they found time for a well-earned rest amongst the festivities!



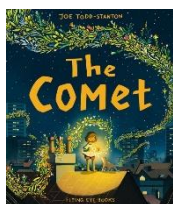
Topic

In the first half of the term, children will be learning about geography and the different countries that make up the UK. After February half term, we will be learning about explorers from the past and how they have changed our world. In Science, we will be learning all about the properties of everyday materials. We will develop our understanding around why certain materials are chosen to do specific jobs.



English

During the first half term we will be focusing on the core text 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton. Through this story, children will begin to understand their sense of belonging and will learn to write posters, letters and poems. In the second part of the term, we will be reading 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. Through this story, the children will develop their prediction and inference skills and develop their writing skills, writing speech and short reports.



Maths

This term, Year 1 will begin to deepen their understanding of place value. It is essential that each child can read and write their numbers to 100 and understand how many tens and ones are in each number in order for them to progress with place value. We will also broaden our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, talking further about their properties. During our learning of mass/weight the children will begin to read scales in grams and kilograms and solve practical problems involving these figures. We will continue to build on our knowledge of money in class, it is also essential that each child knows the value of every coin so that they can access the learning for this half term. During the first half term the children are introduced to multiplication as 'repeated addition' e.g 2×3 is $2+2+2$ and also division as sharing equally.



RE

The topic in RE this half term is 'Jesus was Special'. The children will learn of the miracles of Jesus e.g. walking on water and turning water into wine. After February half term, the children will begin to learn the true meaning of Easter and why we celebrate it.



PE

During our PE sessions for the Spring term we are looking at Games, Tennis and Gymnastics. Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit on PE days.

Year 1 Notices

PE Kits: Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit for the Spring Term. PE days are Tuesday and Friday for this half term.

Water bottles: Every child needs their own water bottle with their name on. These can be refilled in school. Please ensure it is only water in their bottles too.

Advice for parents wanting to help their child further at home.

Maths

- Practice 2, 5 and 10 times tables daily
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20
- Have an analogue clock in the house for children to begin learning telling the time
- Let your child pay for items in shops using the correct coins that they have worked out themselves.
- When serving meals, let your child work out how many items each person should have to begin to recognise division e.g. we have 12 potatoes and there are 4 of us, how many will we each get? Let's find out.

English

- Read with your child 4/5 times a week for 10 minutes and discuss what has been read
- Continue your Reading Challenge and let me know when you have completed it!
- Practice reading and writing tricky words
- Ask your child what their favourite part of the story was and why.
- When doing pieces of writing/homework at home, ask your child if all of their letters have their leading lines on, this will improve their handwriting as they progress through school.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask. We are looking forward to a jam-packed Spring term! Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Arnold



General Notices and Dates

Uniform - CCCR School Book Bags are school uniform in KS1. Due to limited space, rucksacks and personal bags are not permitted. Please ensure each piece of uniform displays a clear name label. We have had increased lost property due to no name being inside. If your child comes home wearing another child's jumper/cardigan please send this back to school with them the following day.

Reading books - will continue to be changed generally on Tuesdays and Fridays, however, books need to be in school every day and kept inside the plastic wallet issued at the beginning of term - thank you. Please ensure that reading records are SIGNED and DATED, otherwise children's books cannot be changed. If you wish to keep a book longer, please let us know.

Homework -this needs to be handed in on Monday's to ensure we can keep track of who has completed the tasks and issue the certificates at the end of term. The deadline for all homework is **Monday 30th March 2026.**