

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Welcome back to school after a fun filled Easter break! The children worked so hard throughout the Spring term I hope they found time for a well-earned rest!



Topic

In Year 1, our exciting topics for the Summer Term are called 'The Big Freeze', where the children will learn about Antarctica, and 'How have toys changed?', where the children will learn about the history of toys with a special visit from History Alive!

We will also be learning about plants in Science and coding in Computing.

English

In English we will be reading the story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers where the children will be learning to write character descriptions, instructions and fact-files. We will then read 'Pig the Pug' by Aaron Blabey where the children will learn about writing poems and letters. After that, we will be reading 'Dadaji's Paintbrush' by Rashmi Sirdeshpande where the children will learn to write thought and speech bubbles. Finally, the children will be reading the story of 'Julian is a mermaid' by Jessica Love where the children will learn about writing advertisements.

Maths

This term, Year 1 will consolidate the mathematical skills they have learned across the first 2 terms and build upon them. They will record measurements in the correct units of measure e.g. ml, g, cm. We will be developing our knowledge of shape and position and direction and using everything we have learned so far to continue to apply the skills into tricky mathematical problems to encourage using maths in everyday life. We will continue to use arrays and repeated addition to solve multiplication problems and consolidate our 2, 5 and 10 times table. We will also continue to

divide numbers and objects by sharing and grouping equally.



RE

The topics in RE this half term are 'Baptism', 'Joseph' and 'My world Jesus World'. The children will learn the significance of Baptism and how others faiths welcome people to the world. Exploring the story of Joseph will allow the children to explore a story from the Old Testament and learn more about the characteristics of God. Towards the end of term, the children will learn that our world is very different from Jesus' world 2000 years ago.



PE

Mondays and Wednesdays

During our PE sessions for the Summer term we will be focusing on Dance and Athletics. This will prepare us for the much-anticipated Sports Day! We will be looking at different running races and throwing events.

Forest School

Thursdays

This term Year 1 will be participating in Forest School on Thursdays. Please dress appropriately in long sleeves and long trousers, a waterproof coat and wellies.

Year 1 Notices

PE Kits: Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit for the Summer Term. This must be in school every day. Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Water bottles: Every child needs their own water bottle with their name on and it MUST be water in it. These can be refilled in school.

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 (o'clock and half past)
- 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
- Practice reading and writing tricky words

- Read real and nonsense words and make up your own alien words.
- Ask your child what their favourite part of the story was and why.
- Can they think of something in their life the story reminds them of?
- Did they dislike anything about the story? Why?
- Can they remember specific things about the story? E.g. What colour t-shirt was Biff wearing? Why was that character happy?
- 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 speak to any of the Year 1 staff. We are looking forward to a fun-filled Summer term! Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Arnold



General Notices and Dates

End of Year Trip – Visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve. More information about the trip will be given out nearer the time.

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 Mondays to ensure we can keep track of who has completed the tasks and issue the certificates at the end of term.