

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a fantastic Summer break!



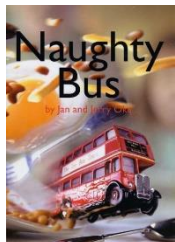
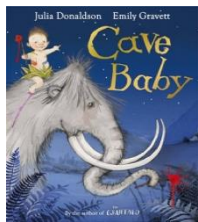
Topic

In Year 1, our exciting topic for Autumn in History is, 'How am I making history?', where children will learn about ordering events from the past to the present day and compare their lives to the lives of children in the past. In Geography, children will investigate their local area and learn about cities, towns and villages. In Science, the children will be learning all about 'Animals Including Humans', where the children will develop their understanding of what makes us human and how we classify animals into groups by their individual features. In Art & DT, children will be drawing and learning about different mechanisms.



English

In the first half term, children will be focusing on the story 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett. The children will be retelling a narrative, writing labels and informal letters. After October half term, the children will be reading the book, 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke, where they will write their own adventure stories, letters and will be writing non-chronological reports.



Maths

This term, the children will begin to deepen their understanding of number, what each number represents and its place value. Children will learn to sequence numbers to 100 and identify one more and one less than any given number. The children will begin to solve addition and subtraction problems, using a range of methods for working out. Children will broaden their knowledge of both 2D and 3D shapes by exploring the shape's properties and the children will learn about length, mass and weight. Following October half term, we will also be looking at money and deepening our understanding of the aforementioned topics.



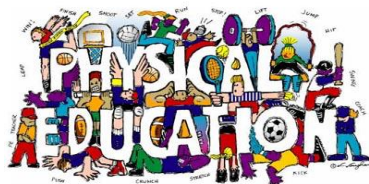
RE & Worship

The topics the children study Autumn term in RE are, 'Harvest', 'God and Creation' and 'Christmas'. This allows children to explore their Christian religion in detail. Children will explore advent, different types of gifts and the meaning of Christmas. During worship, we will be placing a focus on 'God's big story'. Children will also learn about the Jewish Festival of Sukkot.



PE

During our PE sessions for the Autumn term, we will place a large focus on Fundamental Skills across a range of activities. For the first half term, children will be focusing on throwing and catching and then looking at how to develop both throwing and catching techniques and applying these to game situations.



Year 1 Notices:

PE Kits: Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays. P.E. kits should include either a navy blue or black tracksuit, shorts, a white t-shirt and indoor or outdoor shoes. Please name label all items of clothing, including shoes.

Our PE days in Autumn 1 are **Wednesday & Thursday**.

Water bottles: Every child needs their own water bottle with their name on it. Bottles must only be filled with water and these can then be refilled in school throughout the day.

Uniform: Please ensure that each item of uniform is **clearly name labelled (including coats, hats, shoes and bags)** and that your child knows where these labels are to avoid your child losing anything.

How to help your child at home

Maths:

- Practice writing numbers 0-10 with correct formation
- Practice counting to 100 forwards and backwards and from any given number
- Practice 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20
- Have an analogue clock in the house for children to begin learning telling the time
- Introduce children to using and counting different coins

English:

- Practice handwriting and correct letter formation
- Practice using phonics to sound out words
- Read with your child at least 4 or 5 times a week for 10 minutes and discuss what has been read
- Practice reading and writing tricky words.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.
Miss Arnold



General Notices and Dates

Class Information Night –Monday 14th September 2026 (Time TBC)

Uniform - CCCR School Book Bags are school uniform in KS1. Due to limited space, rucksacks and personal bags are **not permitted**.

Reading books - will be changed 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. Please ensure that reading records are **SIGNED and DATED**, otherwise children's books cannot be changed.

Homework – any homework should be handed into school on **Monday's only**. Each piece of homework should be clearly named to ensure it can be returned to your child. All homework will be marked and then sent home.