



Welcome to Year 1 and Year 2!

Now that the children have settled into their new classes, we are very excited to look ahead to the rest of the term. We have lots of exciting activities and learning planned!

Year 1 English

We will be focusing on Read Write Inc. (RWI) to develop the children's phonics knowledge and support them with their reading and writing. We will also be focusing on letter formation.

The children will explore a range of Julia Donaldson books, developing their writing through captions and lists, as well as taking part in speaking and discussion activities.

Year 1 Maths

We will be learning about the four operations and concentrating on number formation. We will review addition facts, including:

$1 + 1 = 2$, $2 + 2 = 4$, $3 + 3 = 6$,
 $4 + 4 = 8$, $5 + 5 = 10$, $1 + 2 = 3$,
 $2 + 3 = 5$, $8 + 2 = 10$, $7 + 3 = 10$ and $6 + 4 = 10$

We will then move on to $6 + 2 = 8$, $6 + 3 = 9$ and $7 + 2 = 9$

We will also look at place value and develop our understanding of adding in in tens, for example, 5 tens + 3 tens is 8 tens.

Year 2 English

We will continue with Read Write Inc. (RWI) to develop the children's phonics knowledge and support them in reading and writing with increased accuracy and fluency.

We will be teaching the children about common and proper nouns before moving on to recognising verbs and using adjectives in their writing. We will also be learning the new Year 2 common exception words.

Year 2 Maths

We will be learning about the four operations and developing our understanding of numbers.

We will move on to using a 100-square and understanding the value of tens and ones within numbers up to 100. We will continue to develop our understanding of doubling

and halving, up to $9 + 9 = 18$.

We will also continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s each day.

Science

We will be looking at Uses of Everyday Materials. We will explore the uses of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard.

We will investigate how objects made from some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process can allow some materials to be reused numerous times.

History

We will be moving on to our topic, Childhood.

In this topic, we will learn about everyday life and families today, making comparisons with childhood in the 1950s. We will use artefacts and a range of different sources to help us develop our understanding of the past.



RE

We will be looking at A World of Festivals and exploring the question: How and why do we celebrate special times?

We will look in more detail at the celebrations of Diwali, Chanukah and Christmas, as well as the stories associated with these celebrations.

Computing

Computing will be taught through Purple Mash. We will begin the term by learning about staying safe online and how to use Purple Mash.

We will then move on to creative computing, where the children will create pictures, games and jigsaws.

Art

We will be looking at a project called Mix It – Part 1.

We will explore basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. This will include exploring primary and secondary colours and considering how artists use colour in their artwork.

PSHE / RSHE

The children will recap the Zones of Regulation.

They will learn about keeping safe by looking at road safety and learning how to tie their shoelaces. They will also explore personal safety.

As part of our online safety learning, the children will explore privacy and security, with a particular focus on passwords and keeping personal information private.

PE

In PE, we will be looking at Invasion Games. We will develop the basic skills needed to participate in simple invasion games.

We will learn different ways of travelling, including moving backwards, sidestepping and changing direction. We will then apply these different methods of travelling as we move with a ball.

The children will learn how to pass a ball to another player, beginning by practising this skill in simple activities before applying it to a game situation.

PE Days

Class 1/2O: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 1/2B: Tuesday and Friday

Class 1/2AM: Monday and Thursday

Class 1/2BR: Monday and Tuesday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days.

Forest Fun

Each week, weather permitting, all children will have the opportunity to explore our forest area. They will make dens, use their imagination and, most importantly, get messy!

Classes 1/2AM and 1/2BR: Every Thursday

Classes 1/2O and 1/2B: Every Friday

For these sessions, please send your child to school with old clothes or clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, waterproofs/puddle suit and wellies, all in a named bag.



We are looking forward to a
fantastic term of learning,
exploration and fun!

Thank you for your
continued support.