

# Year 1

## Autumn Term 2025

### Welcome to Year 1 2025/26

This curriculum letter will keep you informed about what your child is learning this term, in order for you to support them with their learning at home.



#### **English**

During our English lessons, the children will have the opportunity to experience both fiction and non-fiction texts. In the autumn term the children will be focusing on composing a sentence orally before writing it. They will have daily opportunities for writing and practising their letter formation and orientation. Our grammar focus will include using their finger spaces as well as a capital letter and a full stop. We will be learning about different types of words which we can use in our writing including adjectives and nouns.

We will continue to work on developing our speaking and listening skills through partner talk and role play activities.

#### **Humanities**

In our history/geography work we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We will discover their

#### **Mathematics**

In Maths we will be counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s and 10s. We will be practising our number formation and orientation and ordering numbers correctly. We will be working with 2D and 3D shapes. The children will have plenty of opportunities to practise their addition and subtraction using concrete apparatus and recording their calculations too.

#### **Home Reading**

The children will bring home a reading book that is suited to their ability. **It is the expectation that children read at home every day and that their reading record book is signed.** ALL children SHOULD have a book bag – no other bags please!



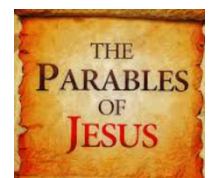
Reading books should be brought into school every day as we like to listen to children read on a 1:1 basis. The Little Wandle Reading book will be changed every Monday. The children will be able to choose a library book from the classroom to share with

#### **Reading**

In Year 1 we have a phonics session every day. The children will practise blending for reading as well as segmenting to help them with spelling. The children will also be learning the **names** of all alphabet letters as well as the sounds. In addition, children will be practising reading the Year 1 Common Exception Words which are words frequently used in writing.

#### **R.E**

We will be focusing on why Jesus told stories and learning some of his parables including The Parable of The Sower. We will also be finding out why saints are important to Christians and about the role of each person in the Nativity Story.



achievements and compare their journeys.



We will also be learning about the weather and

what the symbols mean. We will discover how the weather has an impact on our world. This topic coincides with our Seasons learning in science.

### **Art/D&T**

In our D&T lessons we will be teaching children the topics Rain and Sunrays and Moon Zoom. Rain and Sunrays will allow the children to express art within the weather theme and find out more about the wonders of shadows and water. The topic Moon Zoom will coincide well with our learning about Neil Armstrong and the children will learn all about the wonders of space and will be designing and building their own moon buggy!

### **Special Events**

We have booked a drama session to look at our unit on discoveries and we also have a theatre show booked - more details on this will follow soon

you which they can change as needed.

### **Spellings**

Spellings which will be covered in class this term are:

Common Exception Words; words using Phase 3 & Phase 4 consonant and vowel diagraphs. Spellings will be sent home every Friday starting from week 2.

### **Home time**

Please inform the school office of any changes to picking-up arrangements, as children will not be dismissed unless staff are aware of who is collecting them. This really does avoid confusion at home time.

### **Science**

Our science topics this term are Using Our Sense and Our Changing World: Sensing Seasons. The children will learn about seasons, seasonal weather and events that happen during the seasons ie day and night, hours in a day and UK seasonal changes.

In Using Our Senses, we will learn all about the human body, parts of the body, being mammals and why. We'll find out about our 5 senses and how they help us explore the world around us.

*Our PE days for this term are Monday (outdoor) & Thursday (indoor).*

This term children will be learning about travelling in different directions and making different shapes during our Gymnastics lessons. It is important that P.E kits are in school every day and that **ALL items are clearly labelled**. Please also ensure that your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor weather.

It is also important that



you work on their skills of getting dressed and

undressed so that they become independent in this as the year progresses

Please do look over the phonics with your child - this is at the front of the book and will support them in developing their skills

We would also like to add that children should still be bringing in a bottle of water which should be taken home and replenished every day. In KS1 children are provided with a piece of fruit as a snack which they can eat in class, as well as toast every morning!

We hope this information has been useful. Please do not hesitate to ask if anything is unclear or if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely Mrs Piscitelli,  
Mrs Charalambous & the Year 1 Team.

