Year 1 Termly Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2026-2027

English

Texts that we will be reading this term
- The Dark by Lemony Snicket
- Poems To Perform by Julia Donaldson.

Reading focus
- To infer story settings and descriptive language.
- Oral discussion: to respond to questions in full sentences and discuss settings and pictures.
- Phase 4 and phase 5 phonics.

Genres of writing that will be covered
- Fiction: Transitional writing.
- Non-fiction: Creating a persuasive poster.
- Poetry: common rhymes.

GPaS focus:
- Use capital letters, full stops and spaces to separate words.
- Use a range of adjectives and conjunctions.
- Use capital letters for names and the pronoun I.

History and Geography

History
- How are my toys different to my grandparents? – looking at toys from the past and present.

Geography
- Countries and cities – How big is the world?

Art and D&T

Art
- What effects can I make using different dry media?

DT
- What are sliders? Making moving pictures.

Mathematics

Number and Place Value
- Confident reading and working with numbers to 10.
- Identifying numbers using pictures and objects.
- Read and write numbers to 10 using numerals and words.
- Identifying one more and one less of any given number up to 10.
- Using part-whole model within 10.

Addition and subtraction
- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtractions facts within 10.

Geometry
- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

Science and Computing

Human body
- What are the parts of the human body and what senses do we use?

Animals including humans
- What do animals, including humans need to survive?

Physical Education

- Indoor: Gymnastics – wide, narrow, curled & body parts.
- Outdoor: Attack vs. defence: games for understanding.

PSHE and RE

- What makes a good friend?
- How do I feel today?
- What is Islam? Why is prayer important for many people?

French

- Use some routine language such as greetings, birthdays, numbers and reacting to foods.
- Exploring sounds through looking at individual words and listening to short stories.

Music

- Weekly violin lessons with a specialist string tutor.
- Developing singing and performance skills linked to the elements of music.

Homework

- **English/Maths:** Homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. Sent out on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday.
- **Spellings:** New spellings to be learnt given out on a Thursday for test on Tuesday.
- **Reading:** To be practised 3-4 times a week and reading records completed. Books on reading planet consolidate the phonics teaching. Books from the class are for pleasure.

Please return spelling books and homework books on Tuesday.