



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2025

Welcome back to school and Year 1. The children have had a brilliant start to 2025 after a wonderful Christmas Break. We have begun our journey into Spring with a positive attitude, looking forward to a hard-working term ahead.

Year 1 learning for this term.

English:

During our writing sessions this term, we are continuing our work of the Jolly Postman, writing letters to our friends. We have looked at the features and our model text, where children can gain inspiration to write their own versions. After this, we will be focusing on Non-Chronological Reports and recounting using postcards.

Maths:

In Maths this term, we will be exploring the following units:

- Unit 5 – Adding and Subtracting within 20
- Unit 7 – Exploring calculation strategies within 20
- Unit 6 – Time
- Unit 8 – Numbers to 50
- Unit 9 – Addition of 2-digit numbers
- Unit 12 – Numbers within 100
- Unit 10 – Money

We will also be using KIRF week to consolidate facts about doubling and halving to 20

Learning in other areas of the curriculum:

Science	Animals: Sensitive Bodies	Animals: Comparing Animals
History	Brilliant Bassingbourn	
Geography		Wonderful Weather
Art	Playful Making	Exploring Watercolour
Design and Technology (DT)	Puppets	Wheels and Axles
Computing	Pictograms	Lego Builders
Music	Dynamics : Seaside	Sound : Fairytale
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing	Safety and the Changing body
PE	Ball Games	Athletics
RE	What is God's Job?	Why should we care for the world?

Learning at Home:

English:

Please read daily with your children. Encourage the children to read their phonics books to you when they begin to bring them home but also read around this time – read to them at bedtime, share the review of a sports event, discuss cooking or game instructions. All of these experiences increase your child's vocabulary knowledge and their enjoyment of reading.

Phonics:

We have been teaching the children phonics following the Read, Write Inc. phonics programme. To find out more, visit <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/>

Maths:

Any board games, puzzles or other problem-solving type activities are always encouraged.

Please see below link for various home applications to help support in this area.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

We are using Numbots which is an extension of TTRS. Your child should have a log in sent home and also a sticker in their reading record.

General information:

As the weather changes, please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately: named coats, hats and scarves

Snack:

The children have the option of a snack of fruit or vegetable at breaktime. It will usually be the same option all week and so, if your child does not like the options then you may want to send them with an alternative.

PE:

Both Year 1 classes have PE on Mondays – children need to come to school in their PE kits and will remain in them for the day.

Reading books:

The children will be bringing home two books. A phonics book for them to read at least three times: once for decoding (working out the words), secondly for fluency (to read without sounding out every word) and then for comprehension (to begin to understand what they are reading). They will also bring home a library book which is for their pleasure and may require someone else to read.

Dates for your diary:

17th February – 21st February – Half Term

24th February – Staff Training Day