

Year 1

In Year 1, the children will learn to apply the skills they have learnt in Nursery and Reception in a wider range of contexts. They will be encouraged to think and learn more independently and to develop their own style of learning. Learning will take place throughout the school environment, making use of our ICT suite, food technology room, music room and library, as well as the stunning grounds. Throughout the year, children will enjoy a range of experiences including educational visits, workshops and special visitors.

The children will be taught from the National Curriculum, with an emphasis on learning through topics. These topics will be:

- **Autumn 1:** Fairy tales
- **Autumn 2:** Superheroes
- **Spring 1:** Dinosaurs
- **Spring 2:** Reading - celebrating books
- **Summer 1:** Food
- **Summer 2:** Holidays

English

Children will have opportunities to develop their reading and writing skills in a variety of contexts, such as traditional tales, non-fiction texts and poetry. In writing, the focus will be on accuracy with grammar and punctuation, as well as imaginative writing. In reading, children will be taught to read with accuracy and fluency and to develop a passion for reading.

Phonics

Phonics will continue to be a focus throughout Year 1, with children being taught from the Letters and Sounds scheme of work. This will teach them to recognise and read all common digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and tricky words that cannot be worked out. At the end of the year, all children will take part in the national phonics screening check.

Maths

There are three main areas within the Year 1 maths curriculum:

- **Number:** understanding and using numbers in different contexts
- **Measurement:** units of measurement and using equipment
- **Geometry:** shape and movement

In all areas, children will move from practical learning to abstract learning, e.g. from using equipment to support learning, to written methods. We will be teaching using a Singapore style approach to support children's development and confidence in maths.

Science

From Year 1, Science becomes a core subject and children will receive a full afternoon's learning every week. Throughout the year they will develop their understanding of animals, plants, light and dark, everyday materials and seasonal changes. They will take part in and plan for a number of different experiments, as well as several dedicated Science days.

Religious Education

In RE children will learn about the beliefs and traditions of the six major world religions. They will be encouraged to discuss and share their ideas within a culture of respect. They will look at the natural world and develop their awareness of their world.

Physical Education

In Year 1, children have two PE sessions each week, one with their class teacher and one with a specialist sports coach. Throughout the year, children will develop their skills in a range of areas:

- dance, including traditional dances from different countries
- gymnastics, including use of the wall bars
- athletics
- ball games, including football, tennis, basketball
- team and individual games

Computing

In computing, children will learn to use and manipulate a range of devices, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets, digital cameras, audio recording devices and programmable robots. They will begin to develop an understanding of coding and to create their own algorithms.

Topic

All other subjects will be taught as part of the topic learning, including history, geography, art, design & technology and music. This helps us to provide the children with a richer learning experience, where they are able to see the links within their learning.

Parental involvement

Throughout a child's education, the influence of parents and carers is of utmost importance. The Year 1 team look forward to developing this influence as part of our partnership with you. Every Friday, all children will bring home their homework book, with activities based around their in-class learning, to complete and return by the following Tuesday. Parents are also encouraged to read with their children every day, and all children who have five or more comments in their home reading book in a week will become a 'star reader'. They will also bring home a set of spellings to learn each week.