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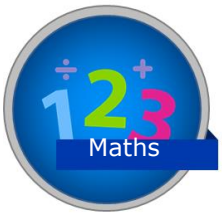
Year 1 Curriculum News

SPRING TERM 2026



English

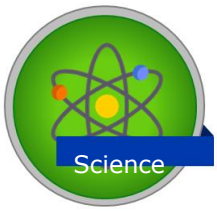
Our focus for the first half term is on a book called Hermelin focusing on detective narratives and letter writing. The second half of the term we will be looking at a book called Where the Wild Things Are and we will be focusing on portal narratives and non-chronological reports. Phonics lessons take place daily and the children will take part in guided reading sessions. In writing, we will continue to encourage the children to use their phonics to spell words, and to use a word mat to learn the spellings of tricky words. We will focus on correct punctuation (capital letters, word spaces, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks) when joining sentences to form longer pieces of writing.



Maths

Number- We will be exploring place value and the children will be learning to partition numbers up to 50 into tens and ones. The children will continue to practise their number bonds to 10 and 20 and learn the related subtracted facts. We will focus on adding and subtracting using concrete objects, pictorial representations and a number line.

Measurement- The children will begin to measure and record length, height, weight and volume. There will be a focus on comparing, describing and solving practical problems.



Science

Exploring Everyday Materials (Part 1)

The children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. They learn to identify and name a range of materials (e.g. wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock). They will describe simple physical properties of materials and use this to compare and group materials.

All about animals- Children will be learning about a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will learn to identify and name animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Children will think about the structure of common animals and compare them.



Topic

The World

The children will learn about the UK including its location in Europe. They will learn to name and locate the four countries of the UK and the surrounding seas and oceans. We will look at different types of landscape and weather within the UK and consider which crops are grown in the UK.

Greatest Explorers

The children will investigate the lives and journeys of some famous explorers such as Ibn Battuta, Captain Cook, Roald Amundsen, Captain Robert Falcoln Scott and Sunita Williams. We will look at what makes an explorer 'great'.



Additional Information

PE is on Wednesday and Friday. We visit the library on Tuesdays in the first half term and Thursdays in the second half term. Reading books and records will be sent home on Fridays and are due back in school on the following Wednesday. Please support your child with phonics and maths learning at home by playing interactive games to reinforce their skills and knowledge.