Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2026

English

In English this term we will be continuing with our Talk for Writing program. We will begin the term with a fiction unit based on the Traditional Tale of Little Red Riding Hood followed by a non-fiction persuasive text and piece of writing. In the second half of the spring term we will read and innovate our own 'finding tale'.

We also continue to have daily discrete handwriting lessons.

Reading

The children will continue to participate in our phonics program 'Little Wandle' where they will be taught sound recognition for reading and spelling. They will also complete reading sessions three times a week and visit the school library weekly. There will also be daily story time sessions to instill a love of reading.

Computing

In the first half of the term the children will be learning about programming animation. The children will use ScratchJr to explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs. They will also be introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

In the second half of the term the children will look at collecting and grouping data to create tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. These will be maths based lessons.



We hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information about the areas that our year children will be covering this term.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Holland & Miss Main

Weekly Home Learning

Homework will go home every Thursday. Please ensure homework books are in school on this day.

Reading — Your child will receive a school reading book every Thursday. Please return this to school on the following Monday. Don't forget to record reading in reading diaries so your child can receive reading wrist bands and tickets for the weekly VIP raffle.

Spelling - Your child will receive x7 weekly spellings to practice. These are spellings from phonic lessons they have done that week. They will then have a spelling check on a Friday and receive dojo points for their efforts.

Maths - Please continue to access and complete Numbots at home. Your child will earn certificates and dojo points in our whole school assemblies for the work they complete on Numbots. We will also send a weekly maths homework linked to the learning we have completed that week. This will be stuck into homework books on Thursday and needs to be returned the following Thursday for marking and dojo award points.

Maths

This half term we will be extending our understanding of addition and subtraction with larger numbers up to 20. We will then move onto place value of numbers up to 50. The children will begin to explore the measurements of height and length and mass and volume. They will be exploring the units and equipment used to measure.

Through Maths Mastery we will continue to consolidate our recall of number facts and number bonds



Religious Education

This term we will focus on the religion of Judaism. We will recap our prior knowledge of the special places to Christians and then answer the questions of 'What is worship' and 'How and where do Jewish people worship?'

Pupils will understand what beliefs are, why these are important to people and explain the important parts of Jewish worship.

Science

In science this term we will be learning about life cycles and how humans and animals change as they grow up. After half term we will be revisiting materials with a focus on how to choose the right materials for specific purposes. The children will have the opportunity to make observations and carry out investigations and record results.



Art & DT

In Art we will focus on the skill of painting. We will explore primary colours and mix them to make secondary colours, develop background washes, experiment with shade, choose and use the correct brush sizes and create an image using a printing technique.

We will find out about the life and work of famous artist, David Hockney. We will look at some of his most popular paintings, explore his use of colour and shade techniques and have a god at recreating some of his work.

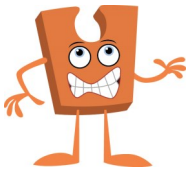
In DT we will complete a textiles unit exploring finger puppets. The children will develop the skills of designing, making (including joining fabric, cutting and decorating) and evaluating.



PSHE

For PSHE we will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our first topic this term will be "Dreams and Goals". This will be focus on the steps to achieve a goal. The children will learn about teamwork and building their reliance.

Following on from this topic we will be looking at "Healthy Me" which explores being healthy, making healthy choices, staying clean, medicine and road safety.



Geography

This term we will be looking at Where we Live. We will explore Beverley and the local area. We will then investigate the countries of the UK and the capital cities. Following on from this we will widen their knowledge and understanding of the word by focusing on continents, more specifically North and South America.



PE

Outdoor PE this term will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**. The children will be improving their racquet and ball skills with a focus on tennis. After half term we will be focusing on multi skills for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Our indoor PE will be on a **Friday afternoon**. This term we will be exploring dance through the topic of "Amazing Animals". They will work on creating dance sequences based on animal movements, working with partners and in groups.



Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name

Music

Through the Charanga music scheme we will be exploring the units "Into the Groove" and "Round and Round". The children will have a chance to explore the music style of the Blues and Latin/ Spanish style music. The children will have the opportunity to appraise new musical styles, learn songs and accompany the music with percussion and tuned instruments.



Subject Specific Vocabulary– Geography:

Where we live & Where in the world





equator	A line through the centre of the earth that divides the northern and southern hemisphere.
continent	Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land .
climate	Weather conditions in different areas/countries over a period of time.
physical features	Naturally occurring objects in the environment. E.g. volcanoes
human features	Objects built by people. E.g. Houses
capital cities	The main city within a country.
Map	A picture of places and routes.

Knowledge and Facts

- Beverley is a market town in England, UK.
- London is the capital city of England.
- The UK is made up of 4 countries, with their own capital cities.
- There are 7 continents: Asia, Africa, North & South America, Antarctica, Europe & Australasia.
- Countries closer to the equator are hotter.

Exciting Linked Books

The Westwood Troll by Marion Gamble

Look inside our World (Usborne)

Around the World in 80 Days (Usborne)

First Big Book about the World (National Geographic Kids)