



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term 2026: Year 1



The children thoroughly enjoyed last term's topics of learning about woodland creatures and significant people. They particularly enjoyed the trip to Bodenham Arboretum and creating their own clay animals. This term we will be exploring the seaside, with comparisons being made between modern day seaside holidays and those in Victorian times! Mrs Gilbertson, Mrs Bradfield, Miss Cook, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Ashwood, Mrs Dakin and Mr Grice are all looking forward to the summer term ahead.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p> <p>In the Summer Term, the children will continue exploring fiction, non-fiction and poetry in reading lessons and developing their comprehension skills.</p> <p>In writing, the children will be learning how to write a 'defeating the monster' tale, seaside riddles, a 'wishing' tale and a non-chronological report.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p> <p>This term we look forward to developing your child's understanding of their 2s, 5s and 10 times tables and the value of money. They will also be learning how to read and tell the time on an analogue clock to the nearest hour and half an hour. They will continue to develop their number skills when working with the four operations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <p>This term, we will be learning more about plants. The children will be identifying common plants and their main parts. We will also learn about the growth of plants. We will continue our work on seasons, focusing on Spring and Summer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> <p>In Music lessons, the children will continue to understand how a typical song is structured and will learn some different songs about our topic 'The seaside'. We will use glockenspiels to keep a regular beat and play along to the music.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE (RSE)</b></p> <p>We will be concentrating on how to be a positive team member within the classroom and beyond. We will then be focusing on what makes a good British Citizen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art/DT</b></p> <p>In Art, the children will be exploring primary and secondary colours. Our focus artists will be Mondrian and Kandinsky. In DT, the children will be designing and making their own fruit smoothie.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE</b></p> <p>Our PE topics will be taught on Tuesdays and Fridays for both classes. We will be focussing on striking and fielding skills, team building activities, dance and athletics.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Geography/History</b></p> <p>In Geography, we will label the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom including the surrounding seas. Our focus will then turn to 'The Isles of Scilly.' In History, we will focus on 'Victorian Seasides' and will be studying Grace Darling.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE</b></p> <p>In RE, the children will be learning about the religion of Hinduism, including identifying important symbols, objects and their place of worship. We will learn about Hindu gods and some Hindu festivals. We will also compare the Hindu faith to Christianity and Islam.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p> <p>In Computing, the children will begin learning how to access and use 'Purple Mash'. They will learn how to create digital art and how to use an iPad for different purposes.</p>

**Class Page Link:** <https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/year-1/>  
**Knowledge Organisers Link:** <https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/knowledge-organisers/>

As you can see, it promises to be an exciting term and we look forward to seeing the children flourish as they enjoy, achieve and learn! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support.

	Reading	Phonics	Maths	Additional (optional) Tasks
<b>Homework Plan Year 1</b>	Reading books will be sent home on a Friday and every child will be encouraged to read up to 3 times a week for 5-10 minutes per session.	1 phonics activity worksheet will be sent home each week on a Friday and returned to school on the following Thursday.	My Maths weekly activity (tasks set each Wednesday)  <a href="https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login">https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login</a>	Online resources available on the Year 1 Class page  Numbots <a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a>

