



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026: Year 1



Welcome to Year 1 and to the start of a new school year. We're delighted with how well the children have settled and have enjoyed getting to know them this past week. You will have already received a letter regarding homework and this newsletter is to share our curriculum foci for the Autumn Term. We have many exciting curriculum opportunities planned for the term ahead. We will also look forward to inviting you to our Christmas Craft Afternoon. Miss Cook, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Bradfield, Mrs Gilbertson, Miss Southall & Mrs Ashwood are all looking forward to the term ahead and look forward to getting to know you all as the term progresses.

English

In the Autumn Term, the children will begin to explore the differences between fiction and non-fiction in Guided Reading lessons and develop their comprehension skills. In Writing, the children will be exploring a variety of well-known stories. We will then look at the story of 'Dogger' and the children will also have the opportunity to follow and write sets of instructions.

Maths

During our Maths lessons this term, the children will be developing their understanding of place value with numbers up to 20. They will also look at number bonds and some addition and subtraction number sentences, choosing the correct symbols to complete calculations. Towards the end of Autumn term, we will work on recognising different 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

This term, we will be learning about everyday materials. We will investigate which materials make the best waterproof umbrella and will also look at the flexibility of different materials. The children will also find out about the person who invented Lego. We will also begin to look at the different seasons and will look at autumn and winter this term.

PE

Our PE topics will be taught on Tuesdays and Fridays for both classes. We will be focusing on gymnastics, fundamental skills, ball skills and dance.

PSHE (RSE)

This term in PSHE, we will be focussing upon 'Me and My Relationships'. Both with being yourself and as a member of a team.

Geography/History

In Geography, we will be learning about the geography of our school and the children will look at positional language. We will explore our school grounds and locate key features. In History, we will be looking at how toys and shops have changed over time.

Art/DT

In Art, we will focus upon the skill of weaving, studying the artist Melissa Cody. In DT, the children will design and make a free-standing structure of our school playground using recycled materials.

RE

In RE, the children will be learning about Christianity. We will look at the role of Jesus within this religion and will identify a variety of objects associated with Christianity, including those seen in a church.

Computing

We will introduce the children to 'Purple Mash' during our computing lessons. We will then explore digital artwork and the children will have the opportunity to create their own.

Music

In Music lessons, the children will understand how a typical song is structured and will learn some different songs. They will begin to find the pulse and rhythm, understanding what these words mean.

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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
Homework Plan Year 1	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 starting after half term and returned to school on the following Thursday.	My Maths weekly activity (tasks set each Wednesday) https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login	Online resources available on the Year 1 Class page Numbots https://numbots.com/

