

Year 1

Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to the new school year, we hope you've had a lovely summer. We've got lots to look forward to this half term...

Why is London special?

This half term our topic has a Geography focus where we will learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. This will lead us to explore London and its landmarks. As our knowledge of London grows, we will make comparisons of the United Kingdom to Brazil. This will enable us to further develop our map skills and answer our focus question: Why is London special?



PE

P.E. will be every **Thursday** and **Friday** this half term.

Please ensure that children come to school in their P.E. kits on Thursdays and Fridays: plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

Maths

10 Key Facts

The children are beginning to work on some of Year 1's 10 basic skills in maths. You can help your child practice these skills at home. We are currently working on

- Counting forwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting backwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting in multiples of 2,5,10's
- Identifying one more and one less of a given number within 100

Curriculum Coverage

In maths sessions this half term we will be covering the following areas of maths

- Place value within 10, including writing the numbers as numerals and words
- Reason about the location of numbers to 10 within the linear number system, including comparing using $<$ $>$ and $=$
- Addition to 10
- Subtraction to 10

The children have access to Numbots which supports them with their mathematical fluency.

Literacy

This term our **literacy** focus is on grammar and punctuation. In our sequence of learning we will be learning about.

- Common nouns
- Proper nouns
- Being verbs
- Regular action verbs
- Irregular action verbs
- Subjects

The children will have daily handwriting lessons where they will be learning to form letters correctly.

Reading

Reading continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 1. We will be allocating each child reading books and reading records.

Please try and listen to your child **read at least three times a week**. Every time your child reads at home, please record it in their reading record. Your child will need to **read each book 3 times** before we will swap it for a new one as this will really help their fluency, pace and confidence.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Year 1 team.