Year 1
Autumn 2 2026

Should Guy Fawkes be on top of the bonfire?



This half term our topic has a history focus, where we will learn about The Gunpowder Plot. This will lead us to role play and debate with reasons as to who should be placed on top of the bonfire. We will get the opportunity to sequence key events in The Gunpowder Plot and identify key members of the plotters.

How did the Great Fire change London?

We will also be history detectives looking at sources to develop our knowledge of the Great Fire of London and learn how and why this spread so quickly.
This will enable us to understand how the fire changed London and to answer our focus question: How has London changed over time?



Science

We will be exploring plants, looking at the key features of a plant, types of plants and how they grow.

- What are the main parts of a plant?
- What happens to a plant as it grows?
- Can you name different types of plant?
- Why do some trees lose their leaves in the autumn?
- Do all trees lose their leaves in the autumn?
- What is so special about plants?
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The children will be part of discussions and investigations to learn more about plants.

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 and 10.
- Identifying one more and one less of a given number within 100
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Curriculum Coverage

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

- Addition within 10.
- Subtraction within 10.
- Number bonds to 10
- Addition and subtraction on a number line.
- Applying + and – skills to solve problems.
- Recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes.
- Place Value to 20

Numbots.

Please encourage your child to use this subscription at home at least three times a week.
This site allows your children to practice their maths skills while earning coins to upgrade their Avatar.

P.E

PE will be indoors on Thursday and Friday this half term.
Please ensure your child has plain black bottoms/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers on PE days.

If your child has earrings, please ensure they are removed or covered with a plaster.

Literacy

This term our **writing** focus is on grammar and punctuation. We will be looking at subjects, and how to write a grammatically correct sentence. Towards the end of Autumn 2, the children will be writing a non-chronological report based on 'The Gun Powder Plot'

We will also be focusing on handwriting to ensure correct letter formation and orientation in preparation for joining.

Phonics Shed

Please encourage your child to use this subscription at home at least three times a week, to help consolidate application of phonics skills and correct spelling of tricky words.

Reading

Reading continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 1. Please ensure that your child brings their reading record to school, so that we can change their book for reading at home.

Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Can you listen to your child read at least three times a week. This will really help your child with their fluency, pace, and confidence.

Remember asking questions will check whether they understand what they are reading. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress.

If you have any problems or concerns, please come and speak to us. We really appreciate all your support.

We look forward to working with you this term!

Year 1 Team