

Year 1

Summer 1 2026

Africa

This half term our topic has an art focus. We will be exploring sculptures made by Dilomprizulike, who specialises in junk modelling. The children will be researching the artist and appreciating the work that he creates. Then they will practice a variety of key skills. They will then imitate Dilomprizulike's famous sculpture, City Girl. We will then collect inspiration for our own artwork from, different music and patterns. Using the information collected from the inspiration stage, they will create a sculpture of an African animal. The final stage will be to evaluate their work, looking into what they like and areas they feel they could improve on.

P.E. will be on Wednesday and Friday this term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits. PE kit is 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

- Solving addition and subtraction calculations
- Counting backwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting in multiples of 2s, 5s, 10's
- Saying all the doubles of numbers 1-10 (Double 7 is 14)

Curriculum Coverage

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

- Fractions
- Positional language

Science In science we will be investigating animals including humans. This will involve the children learning:

- Different parts of the body
- Our five senses
- Animal's features
- Vertebrates and invertebrates
- Herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores

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.

Spelling 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.

Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is "Meerkat Mail". In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Diary entry
- Fact file on an African animal

We are continuing to have a big push on handwriting this term. The children will have daily handwriting lessons where they will be learning to join up their handwriting.

Reading continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 1.

Please ensure that your child brings their reading record to school on their set day so that we can change their e-book for reading at home.

Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Can you also try and 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.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team

