

# Year 1

Summer 2 2026

## Africa

This half term our topic has a DT focus. We will be exploring the role of a fashion designer and we will be making a bag. The children will be

- researching the role of a fashion designer
- looking at the purpose of a bag
- starting to weave and sew fabric.
- completing a running stitch and adding beads to a fabric
- designing a bag
- dying the material, and starting to pick the beads and thread they want to use
- creating a bag using the skill of sewing
- We will then evaluate our creation

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

- Time
- Money

**Science** In science we will be investigating Light and Shadows. This will involve the children:

- Identifying a range of light sources
- Observe and describe light coming from a light source
- Observe how materials behave with light
- How shadow forms.

### 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 "Handas Surprise". In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Story
- Postcard
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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

