



Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy – Spring Term 2026

We are Year 1: Louis Braille

Welcome back

Welcome back to school! We hope you've had a fantastic winter break and are ready for an exciting new term. This term will build on learning from the previous term and continue to develop children's knowledge and understanding of the world around them. Developing children's resilience and social skills are also important aspects of school learning.

Just a couple of quick reminders for the children. Please remember to wear their correct PE kit into school on PE days (Wednesdays and Fridays). Also, please ensure that their reading record is in school daily. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who would be more than happy to help.

What are we learning this term?

English

We begin this term with the charming story of Beegu by Alexis Deacon, about an alien who gets lost. Next, we will read the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Later into the term we will be looking at the Three Billy Goats Gruff and the non-fiction text, Baboons.

As writers, the children will write for different purposes. This includes writing story retellings, letters and fact files and even working on to develop their own versions of our story.

The children will also learn to use simple punctuation in their sentences. Grammar and spelling will be taught weekly as well as handwriting. Please continue to support your child in learning their weekly spellings.

Home reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home. Reading helps to develop children's fluency and confidence. Record your reading in the Home School book. You may want to record other reading for pleasure your child does at home.

Please send the Home School book into school daily so that we can read with your child in school and also change reading books. Children are welcome to take a reading for pleasure book home from the class library. This would be a book for an adult to read to them.

History

As historians, the children will investigate different types of transport and how transport has changed over time. In addition, Year 1 will learn about the Wright brothers and the first flight.

The children will also enjoy a trip to Duxford after half term, where they can see historic aircraft up close and deepen their understanding of early aviation.

Maths

As mathematicians, the children will develop their addition and subtraction to 20 this term. They will then explore the place value of numbers to 50.

After half term we will be exploring capacity, multiplication, division and fractions.

An additional short daily maths lesson in the afternoons will focus on fluency and helping children to develop quick recall of addition facts to 10. The free online app 'One Minute Maths' is helpful for additional practice at home.

Topics we will be studying this term...

Science – Seasons (Winter) and Animals Including Humans
History – First Flight
Geography – The UK
Computing- Programming a robot
Art – Paper Play
D.T. – Fruit and Vegetables
R&W – How did the universe come to be?
RSE- My Happy Mind and Relationships
PE- Dance (Toys),
Music- Learning to listen

RWV/ RSE

As theologians, in RWV we will explore the questions, 'What does the cross mean to Christians?' and 'How did the Universe come to be?' with a focus on the Christian and Hindu religions.

In RSE, lessons will focus on families and being a good friend. My Happy Mind lessons will focus on the unit 'Celebrate.'

P.E.

As athletes, there will be a focus on a variety of PE skills this term. We will focus on Dance and Gymnastics.

P.E. days are **Wednesday and Friday**. Your child may come dressed in clean PE kit for these days. Earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed for PE and long hair should be tied back. long hair should be tied back.

Art/ DT

In art, the children will explore sculpture, with them creating a paper sculpture of their own. Lessons will culminate in children making a 3D sculpture as part of a group.

Geography

As geographers, we will be exploring 'The UK' focusing on the four different countries that make up the UK, their capital cities and the seas that surround the UK.

Computing

As computer scientists, the children will develop their understanding of programming. They will learn to give a robot simple instruction or an algorithm to follow. The children will also use iPads to support learning number facts through Numbots and other online maths programmes.

Science

As scientists, the children will learn to name and group animals. They will learn to identify what animals have in common. Lessons will also include naming body parts and investigating their senses. We will also be observing the changes of the season as winter and spring progresses. They will make predictions, carry out simple tests and draw conclusions.

Notes ... In Year 1, homework will be set online.

Our homework focus this year is **consistently reading five times a week** at home as well as accessing:

- TTRS – please aim for 3x per week www.ttrs.com
- Spelling Shed- weekly www.edshed.com

Logins are in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled **only** with water!

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated! Miss Drake