



Year 1

The Colourful World Around Us

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 1. Moving from Reception to Key Stage 1 does involve some changes to routines and expectations however, we are really pleased with how well the children have settled already.

Thank you for taking the time to read this overview of the learning and topics we will be covering in the Autumn Term.



RE – Our first RE topic this half term is **Creation**. During this topic, children will explore and respond to the story of creation and recognise that everything that is comes from God, Our Father. The children will recognise that psalms are prayed or sung in praise of God. Our second topic is **Covenant**. Here the children will become familiar with the Noah story, focusing on Noah and God's promise to all living creatures in the sign of the rainbow.

Class worship date: Thursday 20th November 9am.

Homework – Please continue to listen to your child read each day and help to nurture in them a love of reading by regularly sharing books together. As the year progresses, they will bring home spelling and maths homework. We will send more information about this nearer the time.



Books are changed on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**.

PE – We will be focussing on our Fundamental Movement Skills this term. We will also be exploring movement and music through gymnastics. We have PE on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

As Readers we will be sharing stories including 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and Percy the Park Keeper series of books by Nick Butterworth. We will be identifying and ordering key events with a focus on knowing that all stories have a beginning, middle and end. We will explore non-fiction texts to find out new information.

As Writers we will be inspired by the books we have read to create meaningful sentences in different contexts that have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

As Mathematicians we will be focussing on understanding numbers to 10. This will include learning about their place value, how to represent them with drawings and physical objects. Later in the term we will look at early addition and subtraction methods, using practical resources to support our work. We will also be busy exploring shapes and their different features.

As Scientists we will be exploring the world around us to find out how nature changes. The children will look closely at different plants and trees to identify their parts and to learn about what happens to them as we move through different seasons. We will be using all our senses to help us investigate our colourful world.

As Artists and Designers we will take inspiration from nature to create paintings and prints that capture the colourful world around us and food that reflects the season.



As Historians we will be finding out about The Gun Powder Plot. The children will find out about the key events that led up to this historic event, creating timelines to help them understand how it progressed.

As Musicians we will be exploring how music is made up of long and short sounds called 'rhythm' and high and low sounds called 'pitch'. We will dance, sing and play instruments to explore how these sounds work together.

