



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring 2 2026

### Year 1

**Reading:** Phonics reading books are changed fortnightly to allow children to explore all of the reading roles and to develop fluency. A minimum four home reads per week need recording into the home-school diaries. Boost online reading books are assigned weekly (except during assessment weeks) and are targeted to the week's taught sounds.

**Phonics:** The week's taught phonics and common exception words will be notified in the home-school links diaries. Children can identify and note down words found through their reading or environments that contain the taught sounds and practise creative ways to remember how to read and write the tricky words.

**Maths:** This half term, please focus on number bonds of 20; and doubling and halving numbers to 20 to develop fluency. Practise the months of the year and recall all 2d and 3d shapes.

**Homework:** Reading (phonics books and Boost online books); maths fluency.

**PE Kit:** Year 1 will need to come to school in their PE kit every Tuesday and Friday.

In Science we will be learning all about **animals** and will complement this learning by heading into the Woodland Garden where we will be hoping to explore some seasonal changes as we spring into **Spring**. Whilst we are in there, we will look closely for minibeasts to give us some inspiration for our DT project, **Moving Minibeasts**. We will also be learning about **seasonal change** in geography too! In history, we will be delving into **stories from the past** and learn about significant people and events in a chronological order. **Healthy Me** is the unit of work which we will enjoy in our PSHE lessons and these will also incorporate the **British Values** too.

In mathematics, we will be exploring the place value of numbers to 50 before moving to addition and subtraction.

Our mastery keys in English this term include: using the conjunction 'and'; plural and past tense suffixes; prefix - un; and all the basic mechanics of writing too.

#### **You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:**

Daily reading practise with your child

Phonics practise

Practise number bonds, doubles and halves

Supporting your child to become more independent in getting organised for school and remembering their belongings.

For additional information and resources to support your child's learning, please see our school website and the home school links diaries.

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year](#)

Please feel free to contact us with any queries and we will try to help wherever possible. We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

**Mrs Brown, Mrs Lomax**

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