



YEAR 1 CURRICULUM LETTER

Autumn 2 2025

Staff:

The class teachers in Year 1 are Mrs Walton/Mrs Shaikh (1B) and Mrs Clough (1A).

Mrs Patel, Miss Lambat & Miss Allad will support us.

Miss Singh and Mrs Wilshee will also be supporting children who require extra support.

Junior Jam and Sports Cool coaches will be covering the classes on Wednesday afternoons.

If you need to speak to us, please see us after school or ring the school office to make an appointment. You can also send a message via dojo to the class teacher and they will respond once they get a chance. If it's urgent please ring the office.

Key information:

P.E – This half-term PE will be on **Wednesdays & Thursdays**. Children must bring their PE kit into school. Please make sure all PE kits are labelled with your child's name, and every item of their uniform. Also, **please ensure earrings are not worn on these days** otherwise your child will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.

Water bottles – Please send a **small** clear water bottle into school. These will be sent home daily to be washed and refilled. They **must** only be filled with water, juice and flavoured water is not allowed.

Glasses – If your child wears glasses please make sure they bring them to school every day.

Inhalers & Medication – If your child requires an inhaler please make sure they have one in school that is in date.

Home time – If your child is being picked up by someone who isn't a nominated adult, please let us know in advance by ringing the office as we will not allow children to go home with unfamiliar adults.

English



In English this half term we will start by reading the story of 'Supertato'. We will make predictions based on what has been read so far and will practise to say and hold in memory a sentence whilst writing. We will discuss and identify the main events and characters in the story, and then learn to retell the story orally using actions and repetition. We will finish the unit by writing our own story based on the superhero Supertato. We will focus on using the joining word 'and' to link words and clauses. We will



continue to work on using punctuation to demarcate simple sentences with capital letters and full stops. The children will also learn about 'ed' endings on verbs.

The next unit will be based on instructions. We will learn about when instructions are used, why they are helpful and what needs to be included in a good set of instructions. We will discuss the importance of following instructions in the correct order and how to read and follow simple written instructions. We will finish by applying what we have learnt by writing our own set of instructions.

Maths

In Maths we will start by looking at number bonds to 10 and learning how to recall these quickly. We will then move onto looking at simple addition, using objects to help us count. The children will then move on to learning about subtraction and using their knowledge of subtraction fact families and number lines to support them. We will finish this half term by looking at simple 2D and 3D shapes.

Religious Education



In RE we will be learning about why we give and receive gifts, and then focusing on why many people give and receive gifts at Christmas. We will be learning about how people feel good when they give and receive gifts. We will then go on to learn about the nativity story and how Christians see Jesus as a gift to them, and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Geography



We will be learning all about the United Kingdom in Geography. We will learn to locate the United Kingdom on a map and name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will learn about the four capital cities and the surrounding seas.

Personal, Social, Health Education

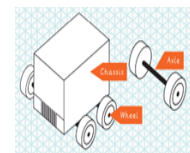
We will begin by using the 'My Happy Minds' materials and will focus on the unit of work 'Celebrate.' This module is focused on our character and how it makes us unique and special. We will learn how to use our character strengths and identify when others are using them to be our best selves.

We will also be celebrating 'Anti-Bullying' Week focusing on using our power for the greater good. We will think about speaking out, supporting others and building a world where kindness wins.



Design Technology

In DT we will be designing and making a vehicle with working wheels and axles. Children will learn about why wheels move and recognise that wheels and axles are used in everyday life, not just in cars. We will be expecting the children to use the correct vocabulary when designing, building, and evaluating their work.



Physical Education

A specialist coach from Sports Cool will undertake Wednesday's sessions. Children will explore different ways of kicking with accuracy and control, how to receive a kick with control and how to intercept a ball. They will then apply the skills to a game.

Thursday's PE sessions will focus on rolling a ball/equipment in different ways and with accuracy. They will then use the skills learnt and apply to a tactical game.

Junior Jam

Music



The children will learn the different parts of a ukulele, where it comes from and be able to play one themselves. Pupils will be taught how to hold the instrument, the correct technique when plucking the strings, and how to hold down the strings correctly on the neck to produce a different pitch. They will then be shown how to play some simple rhythms and songs together as a class and individually.

Computing

Children will be able to understand what Blockly is, and confidently use it to code on the Hopscotch app. They will be able to create multiple programs for multiple characters and change the outcome of their code based on multiple conditionals.

The Arts

Children will learn the importance of warming-up and cooling down before and after singing. They will learn how to breathe within a song without 'snatching' breath and how posture can help with our breath. They will also learn the keyword diction and see how useful it is, they will also investigate when it's used and when it's dropped and the reasons behind this.





READING

In Year 1 the children will receive 2 reading books, a blending book to practise the sounds and a reading book to apply the sounds. These will be changed once your child has become fluent at applying the sounds learnt. They will also visit the library weekly to choose a book for pleasure.

Please read with your child daily. It doesn't need to be the whole book, 5 to 10 minutes is sufficient. Please sign the reading diary, this lets the teacher know they have been heard at home and they can earn a 'Golden Ticket' to go in a prize draw at the end of term. We encourage children to read and reread books to become fluent. Parents who support their child with reading at home make more accelerated progress at school. **Ensure reading books are kept in your child's red reading bags**, so we can listen to them read in class daily.

There will be a £10.00 fee for any lost or damaged reading books.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW NUTS IN PACKED LUNCHES AS WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES.