



Year One and Two Curriculum Newsletter, Autumn 1 2025



English

We will start the term reading the story of 'Yeti and the Bird'. We will focus on creating accurate sentences to describe characters and places. We will then rewrite our own simplified version of the story including a change to the main character.

We will then move on to focus on a beautiful poetry picture book; Change Sings. We'll learn the text and act it out in lots of different ways. We will then write simple poems using repetition to help us.

Phonics

Your child will participate in a daily Read, Write, Inc. phonics lesson with one of our Key Stage One Reading Teachers, regularly introducing new sounds, practising our blending skills and learning to spell with Fred Talk. This session also includes a guided reading session where children will apply their phonics skills by reading a book, which they then bring home at the end of the week to read to you.

Reading

We will continue to have a big focus on developing children's reading skills in Key Stage One. Children will bring home a 'sharing book' and two phonics reading books which they will be able to read to you. Please write in your child's reading record whenever you read with them and try to listen to them as often as you can. In Year Two children may move off the phonics scheme and so will bring home an ageappropriate reading book.

Science

We are learning about materials. In Year One, we will find out what a material is and be able to name some common materials. In Year Two, we will identify different materials and describe their uses and consider properties of different materials and select a good material for a road.

Geography

This half term we are focusing on key geography skills that will be used throughout the year. We will learn about globes and maps and use these to help us find the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will also look at the equator, poles and points of a compass.

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We are so pleased with how well all the children have settled back into school this term. They are all doing brilliantly in Year 1 and Year 2 and are getting used to their new classroom routines. We are very proud of them all.

Diary Dates

Half Term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October.

INSET Day: Monday 3rd November Back to school: Tuesday 4th November.

Drink Bottles, Book Bags and PE kits

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school daily. They also need a water bottle every day. Please make sure your child comes to school with their PE kit every Monday.

Maths

In maths we will continue to build on our learning of number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. In Year One we will focus on working with numbers up to 10 and then 20. We will learn how to find one more, one less and compare numbers using symbols.

In Year Two we will work with numbers up to 100. We will be partitioning numbers, comparing numbers and using number lines to represent numbers.

Seesaw

Children's Seesaw logins are stuck in their reading records. We will use Seesaw each week to share learning and photographs with you. We will also post announcements and useful information on there. Please check it regularly.

Art/Music/RE/PSHE

As artists we will be looking at the basics of art – focusing on how artists use different lines and patterns. In music we will learn about rhythm and call and response. In RE we will consider what Christians believe God is like, focusing on the parable of the lost son. In PSHE we will explore feelings in class discussions and we will explore how it feels to belong in our classes.

PE Days

Poplar – Mondays & Wednesdays Hawthorn - Mondays & Wednesdays Ash — Wednesdays & Thursdays

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