



## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter, Spring 2 2026



<p><b>English</b></p> <p>We will start the term with a focus on the text 'People Need People' by Benjamin Zephaniah. We will write our own poems for Frome's Kindness Festival. We will then focus on the wordless fiction text 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We will write diary entries using first person, past tense and learn to use different types of verbs. We will end this unit with a short unit focusing on descriptive writing based on 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward.</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>We will be focusing on 'Animals, including Humans'. In Year One, we will look at different animal groups (mammal, bird, fish, reptile, amphibian) and their features. In Year Two, we will find out about how habitats provide animals with everything they need to live (food, water, air, shelter) as well as considering which things around us are alive, dead or never alive.</p> <p>Towards the end of the term, we will move on to focus on 'Plants' in Year One and Two</p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In Year One, we will continue to build on our learning of number and place value with numbers to 50. Then we will move onto learn about measure: length &amp; height. We will compare lengths and heights and learn how to measure. We will also begin to learn about measuring mass and volume. In Year Two we will continue to learn about money, making simple comparisons of amounts. We will then move on to multiplication and division, finding different ways to group and share as well as learn our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.</p>
<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p><b><i>"Reading fluency is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Research has consistently shown that children who read more become better readers."</i></b> — Richard Allington.</p> <p>It is so important that children have the opportunity to practise at home the reading that they have been learning in their phonics lessons. It really will make them better readers and will support their reading fluency.</p> <p>Children will continue to bring home a 'sharing book' and two phonics reading books which they will be able to read to you. In Year Two children may move off the phonics scheme and so will bring home an age-appropriate reading book alongside a 'sharing book'.</p>	<p><b><u>Key Stage One Newsletter</u></b> <b><u>Spring 2 2026</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Diary Dates</u></b> Term starts: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Last day of term: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Back to school: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p><b>Computing/Music</b></p> <p>In computing this term, pupils will be combining their knowledge of music with computer programs. We will listen and respond to a wide variety of different music, learning about notes and tempo. Then we will create our own music on a computer using Chrome Music Lab.</p>
<p><b>PE Days</b></p> <p>Poplar – Mondays &amp; Fridays Hawthorn – Mondays &amp; Fridays Ash – Thursdays &amp; Fridays Year 2 - Swimming on Tuesdays</p>	<p><b>Drink Bottles, Book Bags and PE kits</b></p> <p>Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school daily. Please send a book bag rather than a rucksack as they take up less space on the children's pegs. They also need a water bottle every day too.</p> <p><b>Please ensure it is filled with water and not squash.</b> Please make sure your child comes to school with their PE kit on PE days. They can bring their kit home on Fridays each week.</p> <p><b>History</b></p> <p>This term, we will learn about castles. Pupils will look at the different type of castles, find out why people built castles and discover who lived in castles.</p>	<p><b>Art/RE/PSHE</b></p> <p>As artists we will be inspired by the artwork of Paul Klee to make a variety of mixed media pictures of castles. Pupils will particularly focus on Klee's painting 'Castle and Sun' and will use printing techniques and 2D shapes to create their own versions. In RE we are considering why Easter is important to Christians. We will learn about the symbol of the cross and why it is important to Christians. We will also order the events of Easter, including Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'Healthy Me' focussing on good diet and exercise.</p>