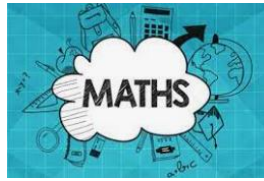


# Class 1 Curriculum Newsletter Summer term 2026



As a school we follow the White Rose small steps.

Year 1 will begin with multiplication and division where we will learn to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We will also learn how to make arrays and how to share numbers into equal groups. Next we will learn about fractions, we will find fractions of shapes and numbers using the vocabulary half and quarter. Then we will learn about position and direction, learning left and right, forwards and backwards and turning clockwise and anti-clockwise. Then we will focus on place value and learn how to read, write and work with numbers up to 100 using the terms tens and ones, counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less. This will be followed by a unit on money, learning how to recognise the coins and add up different amounts. Finally, we will learn to tell the time using analogue clocks. We will focus in on being able to tell the time to O'clock and half past.

Year 2 will start by learning about fractions. We will learn how to write the fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  and how to find half and a quarter of numbers and shapes. Next we will learn to tell the time, learning quarter to and quarter past and to 5 minutes. Then we will learn about statistics, bar charts and interpreting simple tables. Finally, we will move on to describing position and direction. Describing turns and movements.



Our English lessons this term will focus on writing great sentences using adjectives and correct punctuation. Year 1 children will be focussing on spelling common exception words and using their phonics knowledge consistently to spell correctly. They will be working to be able to write independently using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Year 2 children will be able to use adjectives to write expanded noun phrases and make interesting vocabulary choices when writing. They will also be looking to use the words, then, because, or, but, when, if to extend their sentences. All children will be supported to re-read their work and spot any mistakes and correct them.



Phonics is particularly important in both years 1 and 2. For year 1 the children we will focus on the set 3 sounds ea, oi, ie, au, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, aw, are, ur, er, ow, ai, oa, ew, ire, ear, ure, wh, ph, kn, ue. They will be able to quickly read words containing these sounds and focus on reading their books fluently and for understanding. We will also learn how to spell words containing these sounds. The children in year 2 will really focus on their understanding of what they have read. We will do this using Read Write Inc Comprehension. We will also be discussing any books read at home, so please do support this by reading other books of your choice at home or from the library.



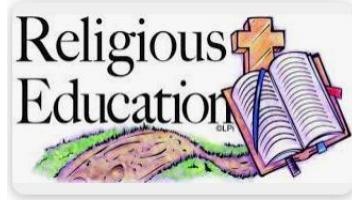
Each week you will receive 2 reading books to share. Please enjoy sharing these books with your child and celebrate their success in reading. Year 1 children will also receive weekly QR codes linked to Read Write Inc video lessons to support their phonics knowledge.

Everyone will receive a fun task each week in their homework books, this is linked to the learning in school and is a chance for the children to share their learning and knowledge with someone at home. Please enjoy completing these tasks with your child at home.

If you ever need any support with homework or are concerned, please do come and talk to me at the end of the day.



PE this half term will take place on Monday and Tuesday. We will be focussing on athletics this half term, learning how to run, jump and throw. We will learn the under and over arm throwing techniques and have some fun competitions. Our PE days will change in the second half of the term to Tuesday and Wednesday when we will learn how to play the game of rounders. We will need to use all of the throwing and running techniques from our athletics unit when learning how to play rounders.



In RE we will be asking the big question “Who do Christians believe made the world”. We will focus on the creation story and how we have a duty to take care of our world. We will also be thinking about Sacred texts and what they mean to the people who read them.



In ICT Year 1 will be creating digital music , learning how to record audio and how to program sprites on ScratchJr to play back our record audio. We will also compose our own rhythmic pieces using GarageBand.



In our history lessons we will be learning about Grace Darling. Finding out why she is famous, her reasons for doing what she did and thinking about why she is often portrayed alone, without her father.



This term in DT we are learning how to make strong and stable structures. We will begin by looking at play garages and find out what makes them great. We will then learn how to cut and join different materials, such as wood and heavy cardboard, so that we can create our own garages that are strong and stable.



In our art lessons we will be making completing a “Stick Transformation Project” transforming sticks into people. We will use the Guatemalan worry dolls as our starting point and learn how to wrap sticks and create clothes for dolls.

As you can see there are lots of exciting things to learn and experience this term. Please remember that I am available to chat after school most nights so if you need anything please do drop in.

Mrs Cawood  
Class 1 teacher