

Year 1

Spring Term 2 2025

Welcome back!

In Maths, we will be exploring addition and subtracting within 20 and place value within 50.

This half term in our English lessons we will be continuing with our exciting Drawing Club writing and learning the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar. The children responded really well with the combination last half term so we're excited to see the continued progress.

Our core text will be **Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour**.

In History we will be looking at how toys have changed over time. We will identify what is similar and different about toys now and in the past.

In Art the children will be learning about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques, and applying these skills in painting and printing.

In Science we will be comparing and grouping animals based on similarities and differences in their characteristics, physical features and diets.

In RE the children will be building on their understanding of creation stories and beliefs about the relationship between humans and nature.

In Music, the children will make links between music, sounds and environments and have the opportunity to use percussion, vocal and body sounds to represent calm or stormy seas.

Here are some things you might want to do at home:

- Visit a park or garden to spot different animals, insects, or birds. Discuss their characteristics, how they move, and what they might eat.
- Use paint, food colouring, or even coloured water to explore mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. Ask questions like, "What happens if we mix blue and yellow?"

Homework

The expectations are:

- Reading with your child daily
- Fortnightly Maths activities related to learning (this will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in on the following Tuesday, if appropriate)
- Weekly spellings which will be tested every Monday

Your child will change their phonics book on a **Monday ONLY** at the start of the day. They will not need to change them at any other time. Please ensure children bring yellow reading record books every day.

Important information

Don't forget, that every day the children need: - a re-fillable water bottle, book bag to hold their reading record, spelling book and reading book and their lunch box (if they are not having school dinners).

PE Days

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit (they do not need their school uniform to change back into). Long hair should be tied up and no jewellery should be worn – including earrings. Ears that have been recently pierced where earrings cannot be removed will need to be covered.

As a reminder our PE kit is:

- Plain black shorts
- Royal blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- Royal blue hoodie with or without school logo
- Black tracksuit bottoms (colder weather)
- Trainers (not plimsolls)

We will have PE on the following days:

Pandas – Monday and Thursday

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The teachers in Year 1 are:

Miss Turner – Panda Bears

Mrs Braham – Polar Bears

Mrs Jones – Polar Bears

The adults supporting in Year 1 are:

Mrs Hall, Mrs James, Miss Corbett and Mrs Woods