

Year 1. Spring 1.

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Welcome to Year 1!

Please see the school website for important events that will be happening this half term! We currently have two Phonics drop ins for this term -
12th and 21st January.

This half term, our PE days will be on a **Thursday**, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit.

Homework and Home reading

The children will have weekly homework to support their learning. This will be due on [Wednesdays](#) and returned on [Fridays](#). The children will also have a reading book to share at home, changed **weekly**, and library books, changed every **Tuesday**. Home reading is recorded in your child's reading diary and reading should be for [10 minutes at least 4 times a week](#).

What will Year 1 be learning this half term?

Maths

Place Value within 20 & 50

Year 1 will continue to explore numbers up to 20, using a number line to support their understanding. They will then move on to numbers up to 50, before learning to count in groups of 10 and explore tens and ones

Addition and Subtraction within 20

Year 1 will continue addition and subtraction learning, focusing on numbers up to 20. They will practice number bonds to 20, explore doubles and near doubles, and develop their problem-solving skills.

Religious Education

Who is Jewish and how do they live?

During this unit, Year 1 will learn about Jewish beliefs and ways of life.

They will explore important texts from the Torah and their meaning for Jewish people today. They find out about the mezuzah and the Shema prayer and discover how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah.

English

Writing to entertain

This term, Year 1 will be exploring the world of traditional tales! They will begin by learning about the key features of these stories before retelling a familiar tale. Next, they will create their own tales, making sure to include proper nouns, write in simple sentences, and consistently use the past tense.

Science

Everyday Materials

Year 1 will learn about different materials and what objects are made from. They will explore the properties of materials, sort them by their similarities and differences, and carry out a fun experiment to find out which materials are most absorbent.

Art

Line

Year 1 will explore different types of lines and learn about different artists. They will develop skills in creating structured and organic lines, focusing on control and pressure.

Geography

Oceans and Seas

Year 1 will learn the difference between oceans and seas and explore the five oceans of the world. They also find out how human actions can affect oceans and how people can help protect them, with opportunities to share their ideas and make a difference.

Phonics

The children will continue to be taught daily using the 'Sounds-Write' scheme. They will learn the following sounds this term; 'ie', 'oo' and 'u', whilst developing their understanding of the sounds learnt already.

D.T

Puppets

Year 1 will explore puppets through investigation, designing, and making. They will plan and create their own puppet using a range of materials and tools, learning to make it functional, appealing, and suited to a user.