

# Curriculum Letter Year 1

## Autumn 1 —2025



### Geography

In Geography this half term we are focusing on the United Kingdom, the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will also be focusing on the 3 main seas that surround the United Kingdom. In addition we will be creating our own weather reports in our weather station and investigating maps.

### Art

This half term in art we will be exploring and re-creating the work of a variety of artists including Yayoi Kusama, Henri Matisse and Wassily Kandinsky. We will be investigating their use of pattern, shape and colour as well as looking at primary and secondary colours. In addition we will be sculpting with clay and foil exploring form and texture within nature.

### Design and technology

In DT we will be planning, making and evaluating fruit kebabs. We will be exploring healthy diets and where fruits and vegetables come from around the world too.

### RE

This half term we will be exploring the concept of 'Special books'. We will begin by exploring books that are special to the children. Then we will be applying this to special books within Christianity and Sikhism.

### Other useful information

Please send in a water bottle each day which can be refilled in school.

Please send in a pair of wellies to keep in school to be used in our Learning Garden.

Please name all uniform, water bottles, coats and bags.

### English

Our books in English this half term will be –

- I hear a pickle
- Have you ever seen a flower
- The Dot

We will focus on adjectives and nouns, writing captions, descriptive sentences, writing poems, writing fact files, comparing artists work and adding 'ing' to root words.

In daily handwriting sessions, the children will be introduced to a cursive style of handwriting.

Children will be taught in small, focussed groups.

Daily phonics lessons will continue using the Little Wandle scheme.

Children will read in groups for reading practice 3 times a week.

### PE

Our PE days are every Wednesday and Friday. Please come into school wearing school PE kit and trainers. No laces please unless your child can tie them independently.

### Books

- Blue pack little wandle books and reading diaries to be handed in on a Wednesday and given back out on Thursday.
- Green pack books and reading challenge books to be changed at the children's leisure within independent time.