

Curriculum Letter Year 1

Spring term – 2026



Geography

This half term in Geography, we are learning about hot and cold places around the world and the equator. We will continue to develop our skills as geographers and make observations about the weather.

Art

This half term in Art, we will be creating camouflage art! We will explore different shapes, lines, patterns, and colours to create a hard-to-spot animal.



History

This half term in History, we will be exploring the history of transport. We will compare past and present forms of transport and learn about key figures such as George Stephenson and the Wright Brothers and their inventions.

RE

This half term we will be exploring celebrations and palm Sunday.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be developing our circuit and dance skills. We will also be practising attacking and defensive skills.

DT

In DT, we will be designing, evaluating, and creating our own cars



Music

This half term, our music unit is called Vehicles. We will focus on the musical dimensions of dynamics (volume) and tempo (speed). The children will learn the definitions of this musical vocabulary and will play instruments and sing songs using varying dynamics and tempo.

Other useful information

PE days are now Wednesday and Thursdays. Please send in a water bottle each day which can be re-filled in school. Please name all uniform, water bottles, coats and bags.

Trips

We will send out information about our school trip to Beaulieu as soon as dates have been confirmed.

English

Some of our books in English this term will be:

The Naughty Bus

Trains! Trains! Trains! Pick Your Favourite.



The Wright Brothers

The children will write their own narratives, poems, and instructions this half term. We will focus on adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions, and the suffixes -ed and -er when there is no change to the root word.

During daily handwriting sessions, the children will be introduced to a cursive style of handwriting. We will teach the formation of lower-case and upper-case letters, as well as number formation.

Daily phonics lessons will continue using the Little Wandle scheme. Children will read in groups for reading practice three times a week.

Maths

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of place value and addition and subtraction facts within 20, progressing to numbers within 50.

Children will learn through concrete and pictorial resources and will begin transitioning to completing worksheets in their maths books.

Science

This term in Science, we will be exploring classification and animals. We will classify animals and learn about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores.

Reading books

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

