

Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 1 2025



Dear Parents / Carers,

What an amazing start to year 1! Everyone has settled into the school routines and doing their best. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead including special events and trips. Over the year, we will be visiting a local church, Southchurch Park, the beach, and Belfairs Woods.

This half term includes the following academy events and deeper days:

- Shaping the Future - 26th September
- **Come and Play in Y1 – 2nd October – 2:15pm**
- Harvest Festival – 5th October
- Hello Yellow and Just One Tree Day – 10th October
- Individual and Sibling Photos – 15th October
- Open Evening – 16th October

We would like to invite you into school on **Thursday 2nd October at 2.15pm** to play a range of games with your children. If you have any old toys or games that you played with as a youngster that you would not mind sharing with the children, that would be great. We will provide some board games, but please feel free to bring along your favourite game to play with our Y1 children.

PE day and PE Kit

Our PE day is on a Monday Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform and with earrings removed or covered. Variations to PE uniform will be challenged including footwear.

Labelled belongings

Please remember to label items including lunch boxes and bags (locker size – small). Children are to bring refillable drink bottles each day, metal bottles are discouraged.

**Our children have produced a healthy snack policy. This will be sent home to guide 'snacks' for breaktime.*

What your children will be learning this half term:

Core learning	<p>In writing we will be learning to write sentences and begin to write stories.</p> <p>We will be focussing on letter formation and sentence construction.</p> <p>This half term we have a writing for enjoyment session which will focus on characters.</p>
Skills	<p>In phonics we will be reading a range of decodable texts and continuing to learn special friends.</p> <p>We have visit times to our library every second Thursday morning.</p>
Connected curriculum	<p>In maths we will be covering the following areas: numbers to ten, addition and subtraction within ten and shape and patterns.</p> <p>Each week we will engage in Numbots as part of our continuous provision.</p>
Skills	<p>In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas:</p> <p>Music - Hey you!</p> <p>Computing - Computational thinking</p>
Connected curriculum	<p>Our focus unit this half term is a science and history-based unit called 'Why do we play?'</p>

	<p>This unit covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing & labelling the basic parts of the human body, • naming the five senses, • saying which part of the body is associated with each sense, • using artefacts and pictures to learn about toys from the past, • understand how toys have changed over time
Faith, Health, and Wellbeing	<p>During Faith and well-being lessons we will be asking questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do we need rules? • How are we feeling? (Basic emotions) • How do we keep our bodies healthy? (Hygiene, exercise) • Who is a Christian and what do you believe? • What can we learn from sacred stories?

Homework

Your child will bring home the half term overview and knowledge organiser. A copy of the overview will also be sent to your MCAS account. Spelling words will be sent home each week for your child to practise to read and spell. We will be checking these words within their writing lessons as there is no long spelling tests each week.

Phonics

As a reading first school, we promote daily reading. Every week, your child will bring home a phonics book and a sharing book. They will also bring home a library book every two weeks.



We also support children in their number recall and addition and subtraction facts. Your child will have a log in for Numbots and we encourage daily practice for at least 6 minutes a day.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you.

Year One Team

Mrs Wilson (Year 1 Lead), Miss Plummer, Miss Roxburgh, Ms Dupuy and Ms Moore