

Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2 2025



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to another great half term! This term our Connected Curriculum unit of work is Geography based, learning about our local area. As part of this learning, we will be walking around the local community (up to London Road) to find out how the local area is used by businesses and families (11th and 12th November).

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

- November: Count Your Carbon Month
- 4th November: Dental Visit
- 11th November: Remembrance Day
- 12th November: Positive Noticing Day
- 14th November: Children in Need
- 17th -21st November: Anti bullying week
- 21st November: Anti-bullying workshop
- 5th December: PTA Christmas Fair
- **10th December: Toy Workshop**
- 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- 17th December: Year 1 Christmas Performance 9:15am

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.

Packed Lunches

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

This term your child will be learning:

Core learning	<p>In writing we will be learning to sequence and write a story. Focus on letter formation and sentence construction.</p> <p>This half term we have a writing for enjoyment session which will focus on describing places (settings).</p>
	<p>In phonics we will be reading a range of decodable texts and continuing to learn special friends.</p> <p>We visit our library every second Thursday afternoon, taking it in turns between the two classes.</p>
	<p>In maths we will be covering the following areas: subtraction of number within 10, problem solving using addition and subtraction and 2D shapes.</p> <p>Each week we will engage in Numbots as part of our continuous provision.</p>
Skills	In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas: Music – Little Angel Gets Her Wings Computing – E-safety

Connected curriculum	Our focus unit this half term is called ' Living Here, Living There '. This is a geography and science-based unit with connections across the curriculum. This covers the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about the physical and human features within our school grounds and local area • Comparing them to a Case Study country, Morocco. • Using simple maps and plans
Faith, Health and Wellbeing	During Faith and well-being lessons we will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding what a balanced diet is • Recognise emotions in others • What happens if we don't follow rules • How and why do we celebrate special and scared times

Homework

A copy of the overview will be sent to your MCAS account. Spelling words will be sent home on a Friday 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 to see what the next half term will bring.

Year One Team

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