

English - Our Pathways to Write books this term:

Autumn 1 - Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
Autumn 2 - Katie in London by James Mayhew

We will be focusing on orally rehearsing sentences to support our writing, as well as including key punctuation in sentences such as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

In Poetry we will be studying 'Me and my ball' by Marc Matthews in Autumn 1 and 'I'd like to Squeeze' by John Agard - in Autumn 2..

Phonics is a key focus in Year 1 to support your child on their reading and writing journey. Therefore, we will continue to build on phonics knowledge from Reception and start to learn to read and write a range of new sounds. **Please note that your child will take the statutory Phonics Screening Check in June 2025 - more information about this will follow in due course.**

Our **Science** topic this term is: Seasonal Changes focusing on Autumn and Winter. We will learn to:

- Observe the apparent movement of the Sun during the day.
- Observe changes across Autumn and Winter.
- Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

This term's topics in **Maths** are Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and Shape. During these topics we will focus on the following skills:

- Ordering, grouping and comparing numbers up to the value of 10.
- Calculating 1 more and 1 less than a given number up to 10.
- Addition and subtraction within 10.
- Identifying a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

In **GEOGRAPHY** we will be learning about how we use Globes, Maps, Satellites and a Compass Rose to help us map the world. We will also be learning about the United Kingdom and each of the four countries, learning about the capital cities, flags and surrounding seas. We will also focus on Leigh and London to help us compare and contrast the geographical features of a town and city.

Personal Development

- Infinite 8 experience - Welly walk
- RE - Visit to chapel to watch a baptism

Key Dates

- Welcome to Year 1 Curriculum Meeting - Wednesday 24th September at 3:15pm
- Phonics/Reading Parent Workshop - Wednesday 1st October at 2pm
- ADHD Awareness Day (own clothes) - 17th October

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In **Art** we will be studying the work of the artist Vincent Van Gogh and will be using his work of 'The Starry Night Sky' to develop our drawing and painting techniques as well as learning about the warm and cool colour palette.

In **DT** we will be creating a free standing structure of a windmill. We will design, create and evaluate our structures. We will be exploring different ways to make our designs stronger, stiffer and more stable.

Our **RE** topic this half term focuses on the question: 'What does it mean to belong?'

We will be learning about the meaning of belonging to different groups in the community and will look at baptism and birth ceremonies in Christianity and Islam.

Our **PSHE** focus is: Feelings. We will be learning about our feelings and how these affect our bodies. We also be thinking about what qualities make a good friend.

In **computing**, our topic is Online Safety. We will be learning how to stay safe online and how to safely log in and out of Purple Mash. We will also learn how to save our work responsibly.

In **History**, our topic is focusing on significant events. We will be learning about the Great Fire of London, World War One and The Gunpowder Plot. We will be learning the chronological order of what happened during each key event and also how these events have had a lasting impact upon society today.

Our **PESSPA** lessons this half term will focus on target games. We will be working with Wigan Athletic. Our PESSPA day is on a Friday so all children should come to school in their sports uniform on this day.