

English - Our Pathways to Write books this term:

Spring 1 - 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright

Spring 2 - 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon

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, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

In Poetry we will be studying 'Little Boy Blue' by Eugene Field in Spring 1 and 'Hurt no living thing' by Christina Rossetti in Spring 2.

Phonics continues to be a key focus in Year 1. To support your child on their reading journey, please complete daily reading at home. **Please note that your child will take the statutory Phonics Screening Check in June 2026 - More information about this will follow in due course.**

Our **Science** topic this term is: Animals including Humans. We will learn to:

- Identify and name a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Describe and compare the structure of a variety of animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).

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

- Developing our place value knowledge of numbers up to 50 with a focus on tens and ones.
- Developing our addition and subtraction skills to 20.
- We will begin to learn our 10's times tables.
- Use measurement to measure and weigh objects.

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In **Art and Design**, we will be focusing on the Methodist Artwork Collection from the artist Maggi Hambling. We will be developing our painting skills through focusing on primary and secondary colours, as well as learning about tinting and shading.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be creating a moving picture. We will be exploring, using and creating mechanisms in the form of a lever and slider. We will incorporate these mechanisms into our underwater designs for our moving pictures.

In **RE** in we will focus on two key questions across the term:

Spring 1 - What do Christians believe?

During the unit we will reflect on and develop our own spirituality. We will explore some of the qualities Christians associate with God and learn how stories in the Bible teach us about God. We will ask and answer thought-provoking questions throughout the unit and develop our understanding that people see God in different ways.

Spring 2 - Why and how do Christians celebrate Easter?

We will learn about some of the important symbols associated with Easter. We will learn about the key events of the Easter story and explore some of the feelings associated with it. We will also discuss people who are special to us and learn why Jesus is special to Christians.

Personal Development

Year 1 Class Assembly - Thursday
5th February

In **Geography** this term we will be learning about the world. We will be using maps to explore the world and identify the seven continents and five oceans. We will be exploring each continent in detail and learning a song to support us with this.

In **Computing**, we will be focusing on using directional keys during our unit 'maze explorers'. As well as creating a simple program in our topic of 'Coding'.

In **History** this term our focus will be on significant people. We will be learning about: Queen Elizabeth II, John Wesley, Queen Victoria, Rosa Parks and Florence Nightingale. We will learn about the lives of these significant individuals and focus on their lasting impact upon society.

Our **PESSPA** lessons this half term will focus on invasion games. We will be working with Wigan Athletic PEPPSA teachers.

Our PESSPA day is on a Friday so all children should come to school in their sports uniform on this day.

In daily PESSPA sessions we will be focusing on throwing for accuracy.