

Year One Curriculum Overview



2025-2026

English

Our joy of writing will continue from Reception with Drawing Club. We have a range of books, animations and traditional tales to inspire us in putting pencil to paper. Writing will not just take place in English lessons though! We will have daily phonics sessions and be given lots of opportunities to practise our skills in writing around the classroom in the Continuous and Enhanced Provision areas.

We will be working hard on our handwriting, using the Little Wandle formation phrases to ensure we are forming our letters correctly. This term we will be specifically focussing on c, a, o, d, g and q.

Physical Education – Weds & Fri

Our outdoor PE lessons will focus on basic ball handling skills. We will learn to control a ball when rolling and bouncing, throwing and catching, on our own, with a partner and in a group. Our indoor PE will be gymnastics with an animal theme! We will lift, carry and use gymnastic apparatus safely, learning to travel safely in different ways, at different speeds and levels.

Geography, Science and Art

In **Geography** we will be focusing on our local area in our 'Trailblazers' unit. We are going to be finding out what human and physical features we can find in King's Stanley. We will use a range of resources to locate the village, including using simple maps and online resources such as Google Earth. Please help your child learn their address to support them in their learning.

In **Science** we will be identifying, naming and labelling the basic parts of the human body. We will also be looking at the 5 senses, focusing on which body part is associated with each sense and conducting different experiments

Our **Art** focus for this term is drawing and sketching. We will be exploring how we show pattern, texture and shape using a range of mediums such as charcoal, pencils and pastels.

Mathematics

We will begin the term with a unit on Place Value. We will be sorting, ordering, counting and making numbers to 20 initially and then beyond.

In our maths area we will have access to lots of different maths resources and have weekly challenges to show our understanding.

We will be practising fluency and improving our number sense with our daily 'Fluent in 5.'

Please support your children at home by helping them tell the time, paying for items with coins and lots of counting!

Wellbeing

The focus for this term is 'Me and My Relationships.' We will hold regular circle time meetings to discuss classrooms rules, friendships and matters that are important to us.

RE

In RE we will be exploring the theme: what do Christians believe God is like? We will use Bible stories to consider how beliefs can shape ways in which many Christians behave.

Music

In music we will be focusing on recognising and understanding the difference between pulse and rhythm. Our aim will be to play short rhythms in time with the pulse.

Year One Homework

Reading: Reading books will be changed on Thursdays These will be decodable books that the children have read in their Reading Practice Group (RPG). Please read at least three times a week. The children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book to share with you. Reading books will be sent out the second week of term.

Spelling: From week 2, Spelling and Phonics homework will be set. This will need to be returned each Monday (further details to follow.)

Tricky Word Boxes: These will be changed on a Friday. The children's current words are based on assessments which were undertaken at the end of Reception.