

Year 1 Curriculum Overview

Autumn term 2025

Classes 1M, 1T & 1CM



This information tells you what your child will be learning this term in school. We really value your support and the help that you can give your child with their learning.

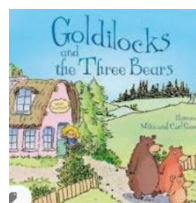
These are some of the things you can do:

- Request books from your local library so they have a wider choice of books to read
- Find information from the internet about the topics we are learning
- Help your child to learn their key words or spellings given to them every week using the **READ SAY WRITE CHECK** strategy.
- Complete optional home learning activities from the school website
- Read with your child every day for at least 10 minutes
- Label everything – PE kits, uniform (including shoes), water bottles, bookbags, etc.

The curriculum

Our focus this term in English:

- Writing about themselves and their families based on books such as My Mum, My Dad (Anthony Browne) We are all Different, From Head to Toe (Eric Carle) and The Dot (Peter Reynolds)
- Traditional Tales - stories such as Goldilocks and the Three bears, The Gingerbread Man and Handa's Surprise
- Sequencing stories, describing characters, story language, e.g. Once upon a time....Happily ever after.
- Stories from other cultures based on festivals



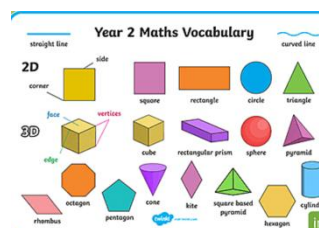
Some of the skills we will be focusing on in English this term are:

- Correct pencil grip
- Letter formation
- Recognising upper and lower case letters
- Using capital letters and full stops
- Using finger spaces
- Phonics for reading and writing



In Maths we will be learning to:

- Count reliably at least 20 objects and beyond.
- Read and write numbers to at least 20.
- Know how many tens and ones are in a given number
- Find 1 more and 1 less of a given number to 20 (and beyond)
- Add and subtract within 10 and up to 20
- 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, e.g. corners, sides



The 1st topic in the autumn term is *Marvellous Me!* and the 2nd is *Traditional Tales*:

In Science we will be

- Naming and identifying parts of the body; thinking about what they do
- Learning about the 5 senses and their associated body parts
- Naming materials and their properties, e.g. wood, metal, glass, plastic, fabric, soft, hard, bendy, rough and smooth.
- Observing seasonal changes (this will continue throughout the year)



In **Art & DT** we will be

- Exploring different tools and media such as graphite pencils, oil pastels, chalk and watercolours
- Creating different lines and shapes
- Using different brush strokes to create different effects
- Learning how to use different size brushes
- Learning how to use a chopping knife safely
- Creating a healthy fruit kebab



In **Geography** we will be

- Exploring world maps – labelling, continents, oceans and countries
- Exploring where our families come from
- Describing the seasons and weather



In **History** we will be:

- Looking at the children's own histories including changes since birth, timelines
- Using a variety of sources, e.g. photos, books, the internet
- Using words and phrases related to time
- Learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past - linked with Black History Month

In **Music** we will be:

- Clapping rhythms and playing rhythms on instruments
- Naming & identifying different musical instruments and finding a variety of ways of playing an instrument



In **RE** we will be

- Learning about what is real, i.e. people believe in things that they can't always see such as God.
- Looking at creation stories from Christianity, Islam and Judaism, as well as other religious stories from these faiths.

In **Computing** we will be

- Learning how to switch laptops on and off
- How to log on and off
- Using programs to create simple pictures with text

In **PSHE** we will be:

- Learning school rules and routines
- Learning about feelings, friendships and families

Other information

PE:

Year 1 pupils will have 2 lessons of PE a week. On these days they should come to school dressed in their PE kit. They will stay in their PE kit all day. However, if they are wearing plimsolls please send school shoes for them to change into.

1M – Monday and Tuesday

1T – Tuesday and Thursday

1CM – Monday and Thursday

We are looking forward to having a productive and enjoyable year with you and your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1 team.

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