



English Writing

This half term we will read **The Dark** and **The Snail and the Whale**. We will focus on saying and writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will begin to add suffixes to root words and make our sentences with conjunctions. We will write recounts and simple narratives.



English Reading

Read Write Inc Phonics and Daily Supported Reading

Children will have daily streamed phonics and reading lessons. Please ensure they are reading for 20 minutes every evening and this is being recorded in their reading records. We are preparing for the Phonics Screen Check, taking place in June 2026.

Science

Materials and Seasonal Changes (Winter)

We will explore materials such as rocks, plastics, glass and metals and their characteristics.
We will look at the changes we see in Winter.

Religious Education

Christianity: Why is each person important in the Nativity story special?

Week 1: Angels– What was the good news?

Week 2: Mary and Joseph– Why were they chosen?

Week 3: Shepherds– Why did they leave their flocks?

Week 4: Herod– Why was Herod jealous?

Week 5: Wise Men– Why was each gift so special?

Week 6: Why is each person important in the Nativity story special?

Mathematics

Addition and Subtraction (within 10) and Geometry

Children also begin learning the basics of addition and subtraction within 10. They explore how numbers can be combined or taken away using practical resources like counters, fingers, or drawings. We will use part whole models, the number line as well as concrete resources to explore this key concept.

Music

Exploring Rhythm 1: Playing and Copying

In the second term of Year 1, the focus shifts to exploring rhythm through hands-on activities involving playing and copying rhythms. This unit corresponds with the curriculum's goal of building rhythmic skills. Pupils learn to replicate rhythms, enhancing their rhythmic accuracy and preparing them to engage in rhythmic improvisation and ensemble playing in the coming years.

Geography

History and Geography alternate each term.

History

Discovering History

This after term we will understand that history is the stories we tell about the past. We will learn that historians are people who study history. Children will have a chance to explore their own family histories by making a family trees. We will also learn about archaeologists and why they are important historians.

Spelling

We will follow the Read Write Inc. Spelling programme to build confident and accurate spellers. Through short, engaging daily sessions, children will learn spelling rules, patterns and exceptions, helping them to apply their knowledge independently in their writing.

Art

Colour

This unit introduces children to the element of line. It presents the idea that lines are like basic tools for artists and explores Klee's influential statements describing lines. The lessons explore vocabulary for describing different kinds of lines and children practise using these to create pictures.

Design and Technology

No DT this term

P.E.

Gymnastics

PE lessons will take place every Friday.
Please ensure you child is wearing their PE kit on this day.

Computing

Creating media: Digital Painting

Pupils learn various digital painting tools and create their own digital artworks, drawing inspiration from different artists. Pupils will reflect on their preferences for painting with or without digital devices.

PSHE

What things does a healthy person do?

We will explore how we can stay healthy. We will look at setting goals, taking care of our teeth, looking after our bodies and minds and who can help us this.

Trips and Visits

St Barnabas Church - Date TBC

Forest School– Wednesdays