

English



In English this half-term, the children will be writing labels, lists, captions and sentences. We will be writing a simple counting story based on the book Handa's Hen. And we will be writing our own version of the Handa's Surprise story using ideas from fruits we will be tasting in class. Our focus is on sentence structure, punctuation, using **and** to extend sentences and expanding our vocabulary.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English: Please encourage your child to practice writing simple sentences using the sounds they know to spell words, forming letters correctly and using the correct punctuation and finger spaces. The punctuation we learn in Year One is a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark. Please also encourage your child to re-read what they have written to check that their writing makes sense.

Science



Our science topic for this half-term is **Animals Including Humans**. We will be learning about the human body and our five senses. We will also be learning about the animal groups **Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Mammals and Birds**. We will be comparing the features of a range of these animals and finding out if they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We will also be having our first **Seasonal Changes** lesson where we will be learning about changes from summer to autumn which will include creating a weather report, comparing clothes, observing leaves, measuring rainfall and a bird count.

PE: 1J and 1S Tuesday and Thursday

Water Bottles: Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle. This may be refilled in class. **Merits:** All merits will be awarded on a Tuesday for behaviour, reading, spelling test and maths test. Please encourage your child to bring in their reading records everyday so any other merits can be given.

Homework: Spelling and maths homework will be set each Tuesday and can be found in your child's reading record. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and their phonics sound book. Please read with your child at least four times each week.

Year 1 Learning Overview Autumn Term 1 2026



Trips and Experiences SAVE THE DATE!

History Of Toys Day
Venue: In School
Monday 5th October 2026

Your help on this experience will be much appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available.

Maths



In maths this half-term, the children will be learning about place value within 10. We will be learning how to write numbers as digits and as words, find one more and one less and compare numbers. We will then use this knowledge to add and subtract numbers within ten using objects, pictures, a tens frame and a number line. There will also be problem solving lessons where your child will be developing their reasoning skills and thinking about how to solve problems and not just what the answer is.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's Maths: Please use lots of practical resources and real life examples of maths at home to cement your child's understanding. By the end of Year One the children need to be able to count to 100 and back and to write these numbers as digits. They need to be able to write in words numbers 1-20.

History and Geography



Our topic for this half-term is **Me Myself and I**. We will be looking at our own family history and significant events in our lives. We will then look at familiar toys comparing these to toys from the past. We will also be learning about our local environment, the United Kingdom and the names of the seven continents of the world.



Spellings will be added to your child's reading record each Tuesday. Our spelling test will be on a Monday.