Year 1 Learning Overview Autumn 2

English



In English this half-term, following the Government's recommendations to schools, we will be focussing on Foundational Knowledge. There will continue to be a focus on phonics. Alongside this we will be focusing on

- Correct letter formation and handwriting
- Spelling of the Year One Common Exception Words (please see you child's Sound Book for a list of these)
- Orally composing and writing sentences using the correct punctuation
- Re-reading our sentences to check they make sense

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English: Please encourage your child to practice writing simple sentences using the sounds they are familiar with; forming letters correctly and using the correct punctuation and finger spaces. Punctuation for Year 1 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 it makes sense.

Maths



In maths this half-term, the children will be continuing their work on addition within 10. They will be adding numbers using objects, pictures and mental strategies. We will then move on to subtracting numbers within 10 using objects, pictures and mental strategies. We will be finding the difference between amounts and use our knowledge to solve problems. We will learn more about fact families using addition and subtraction. Embedding children's understating in Year One will help them with their future learning.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's maths: Please use lots of practical resources and real life examples of mathematics 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.

Science



Our science topic for this half-term is continuing our learning about **Animals Including Humans**. We will be learning about the human body and what our body parts can do. We will also be learning about our five senses and what they can do. We will be continuing our **Seasonal Changes** lessons by learning about the seasons of autumn and winter and what this means to animals and humans.

Trips and Experiences
SAVE THE DATE!

Geography Field Work Local Walk:
Monday 16th November 2026 (am)

St Michael's Church in Aveley Visit:
Friday 11th December 2026 (am)

Great Fire of London Day in school:
Monday 2nd February 2026 (all day)

Florence Nightingale Museum:
1J Monday 22nd March 2027
1S Wednesday 24th March 2027 (all day)

Barleylands Farm Park
Thursday 24th June 2027 (all day)

Topic



Our Topic for this half-term is **Houses and Homes.** We will be looking at the features of our local area and houses in our local area. We will be collecting data as part of our Field Work. We will also be learning about what houses were like in the past and we will use chronology to order these. To finish the topic we will investigate traditional homes around the world.

PE: 1J and 1S Tuesday and Thursday
Water Bottles: Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. They may refill this in class as needed. If this is a shop bought bottle, please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name.
Merits: All merits will be awarded on a Tuesday for behaviour, reading, spelling and maths homework. Please encourage your child to bring in their Learning Logs everyday so any other merits can be given.
Homework: This will be set on Tuesdays, details can be found each week in your child's Learning Log,



Spellings each week can be found in your child's Learning Log. Please encourage your child to practise these.