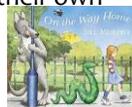


## English



In English this half-term, the children will be writing their own version of the story *On the Way Home* by Jill Murphy. This is a story about a little girl who meets all sorts of imaginary creatures on her walk home from the park. We hope to inspire the children to write their own story called *On the Way to School*.



We will then explore poems, perform poems and write our own – the theme of these is spring.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English:** Please encourage your child to practice writing simple sentences; forming letters correctly and using the correct punctuation and finger spaces. Phonetically plausible attempts at spelling is fine for these early writers. 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 it makes sense.

## Science



This term we will be completing our science lessons as part of British Science Week. We will be setting up, testing and recording our own investigations. Dunking biscuits and making rocket mice are our theme. This will be very hands-on and will encourage the children to work scientifically.

**PE:** 1T and 1J Tuesday and Thursday

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle to help them stay hydrated. 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 test and the maths homework check.

## Year 1 Learning Overview Spring 2



### Trips and Experiences

#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### **Florence Nightingale Museum:**

1J Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

1T Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### **Life in a Fairy Tale Castle Day**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

In School – Dress up as a character from a fairy tale or traditional tale – more details to follow.

Parent help required and very much appreciated on both of these experiences.

## Maths



In maths this half-term, we will be learning how to subtract numbers within 20 using objects, pictures and problem solving. We will be linking this to addition by using fact families. For example:

$$20 - 4 = 16 \quad 20 - 16 = 4 \quad 4 + 16 = 20 \quad 16 + 4 = 20$$

We will then move on to Place Value within 50. This will include, finding one more and one less; ordering numbers, recognising tens and ones and comparing numbers.

To finish the term we will be learning how to measure length and height using non-standard units (cubes, blocks) and in centimetres. We will be comparing length and height using the words **tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest for height** and **long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest for length**.

**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



Our history topic for this half term is Carry on Nursing. We will be learning about Florence Nightingale and how her actions and achievements have impacted on the nursing profession. We will be using a range of sources so that we are being real historians!

Our upcoming school visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum will enhance the children's knowledge by bringing this topic to life.



Spellings for this half-term will be in your child's learning record book.