

Year 1

Spring term 1

2026

ENGLISH: We will begin the term writing simple recounts about our favourite moments over Christmas.

Our focus text will be the Legend of George and the Dragon and we will be using this to learn about story openers and the language of traditional tales. We will continue to concentrate on becoming 'sentence superstars' by including capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and making sure our work makes sense. The children will also be developing their understanding of connecting words; focusing on 'and' to join two clauses in an extended sentence. Our grammar focus this term will be learning about the suffixes -er, -est, -ed and -ing. We will be adding them to words where the root word doesn't change.

MATHS:

Our maths work this term is all about extending the children's understanding of number and place value by learning to work with all numbers to 20 and to count forwards and backwards to 20. We will use lots of concrete resources to help the children understand the value of the tricky 'teen' numbers.

Later in the term, the children will use their knowledge of numbers to 20 to add and subtract within 20. They will develop their understanding of number bonds; add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers and solve problems involving addition and subtraction, including missing number problems.

GEOGRAPHY: In our Geography lessons, we will be taking a tour of the UK. The children will learn about the four countries of the UK, their capital cities, landscapes and landmarks. We will be using maps, atlases and photographs.

COMPUTING: This term the children will be developing their digital citizenship skills; they will learn about effective and safe use of the internet and how to make smart choices online.

ART: We will be exploring print making. The children will make prints with their bodies, take rubbings of objects and explore using plasticine to make prints and create a repeating pattern.

MUSIC: This term, we will recap rhythm work, pulse and reading easy traditional notation. We will also explore tempo.

RE: This term the children will be thinking about and exploring the question, *What do Christians think God is like?* We will be learning about the Bible and talking about the Old and New Testament and listening to stories and parables from them to help us answer the question.

SCIENCE: This term we will begin with planting up some seeds and then observing the changes that occur throughout the term. We will return to the unit on plants later in the year, when we can get outside and plant vegetables etc. For the rest of the term we will be learning about animals. We will learn how to group them into mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians, comparing their similarities and differences. Towards the end of the term, we will look in more detail at herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

PE: The children will continue their ball skills, but this term, we will be focussing on the skills needed to play hockey.

PSHE:

We will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE; this term, our theme is Dreams and Goals. In our weekly sessions, we will be talking about aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.