Christmas Term 2026 Curriculum Plan: Year 1

English

In English, children will explore the book 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew and learn about famous London landmarks. They will use information gathered from texts to write a non-chronological report about London. Children will practise joining words and ideas using 'and', using capital letters and full stops correctly, and using capital letters for names of people and places. They will also learn to sequence sentences and link ideas using pronouns.

Maths

In Maths, children will develop their understanding of addition and subtraction within 10. They will explore parts and wholes use part-whole models and write number sentences, learning number bonds to 10. Children will practise adding and subtracting using practical resources, pictures and number lines, as well as solving simple problems. They will also explore fact families, find missing parts and learn to add or subtract 1 or 2. At home, you can support your child through counting games using everyday objects and practising number bonds to 10.

Science

In Science, children will explore a range of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock. They will learn to identify and name different materials, describe their properties and understand the difference between an object and the material it is made from. Children will investigate how materials behave through practical activities, including melting and freezing, floating and sinking, and testing whether materials absorb water. They will develop their scientific skills by making predictions, carrying out simple investigations and discussing their findings.

Computing

In Computing, children will explore digital art and learn to use different tools to create their own pictures and paintings. They will take inspiration from other artists and experiment with colours and designs. Children will also compare painting digitally with painting on paper

Geography

In Geography, children will explore their local area and learn the differences between rural and urban environments. They will identify features of their school grounds and local surroundings, describe familiar journeys and recognise simple map symbols. Children will also create their own maps.

Design & Technology

In DT, children will explore healthy eating and learn about the importance of a balanced diet. They will discover different food groups as well as fruits and vegetables, while developing basic food preparation skills. Children will also learn about kitchen safety and hygiene.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will explore the theme of Diverse Britain, learning about the different cultures, backgrounds and families in our society. They will recognise and celebrate similarities and differences between people and understand the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion.

RE

In RE, children will explore why Christmas is important to Christians. They will learn about the Nativity story, why Christians believe Jesus is special and the meaning of Advent. Children will also discover how Christians celebrate Christmas at home and in church.

Music

In Music, children will explore traditional and modern Christmas carols from around the world. They will develop their singing skills, learn festive songs and enjoy making music together.

PE

In PE, children will develop their ball skills, including dribbling with their hands and feet, rolling, throwing and catching. They will practise aiming accurately at targets and tracking moving balls to improve their coordination and control.

Thrive

There will be a variety of enjoyable and wellbeing boosting activities to choose from every Friday afternoon.

Reminders

- Our library day is every Tuesday.
- Reading Books will be changed on Mondays.
- PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons.
- 16th November - Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
- 30th November – Christmas craft afternoon
- 9th December – Christmas lunch