



## ENGLISH

In the Spring term, Year 1 children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills through daily RWI lessons. They will learn new sounds, practise blending confidently, and build fluency when reading words and simple sentences. As their confidence grows, they will also answer questions about what they have read to show their understanding.

In writing, the children will explore a range of seasonal and animal-themed texts. They will practise writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops and begin to use describing words to add detail to their work. Children will continue to develop correct letter formation and finger spaces to help them produce clear, readable writing.

## History

In History, we will be learning about transport and how it has changed over time. We will find out about the invention of the aeroplane and learn about the Wright brothers and their first successful flight. The children will also explore early steam trains, learning about the Rainhill Trials and Stephenson's Rocket.

## Geography

We will be learning about different places and communities, beginning by exploring where we live in the UK, then places beyond including rainforests and cities comparing landscapes, buildings, and ways of life.

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## Science

In Spring 1, the children will learn about seasonal changes, with a particular focus on the weather including making observations as well as looking at different types of clouds. Then we will begin to learn about caring for the environment, including talking about looking after our world by reducing pollution, recycling and saving water and energy. We will talk about how these small actions can make a difference if we all do them.

## Computing

First, we will develop our digital skills by exploring simple digital art and graphics to create pictures on our iPads. Then we will create simple layouts for stories or magazines, developing basic skills in organising text and images on a screen.

## Music

We will explore Bhangra music, focusing on rhythm, tempo, and keeping a steady beat, before moving on to Spanish music using listening, movement, and untuned instruments.

## PSHE

In PSHE, children will be learning about themselves and others. They will talk about their hopes and goals, explore healthy choices, and learn how to look after their bodies and minds. They will also practise sharing their feelings, working together, and showing kindness.

## RE

We will find out about special religious books, important to people's beliefs. We will explore 'What did Jesus teach us?' to see how these teachings can guide people in their everyday lives.

## PE

In PE this Spring, the children will be focusing on gymnastics. They will practise balance, movement, and control through a range of activities, learning to travel, hold simple shapes, and link movements together safely.

## MATHS

In Maths this Spring, children will continue working with numbers, increasing their confidence doing mental arithmetic with numbers to 20 and developing their understanding of numbers up to 50. They will practise addition and subtraction using practical resources such as counters, cubes, and number lines, before moving on to recording calculations. As well as learning how to add and subtract vertically, they will have the chance to practise solving word problems by answering questions about real-life scenarios.

The children will also explore shapes and their properties, including both 2D and 3D shapes, and begin to compare lengths, heights, and volumes using simple measuring equipment.

## Art

In Art this Spring, children will be learning to identify primary colours and mix secondary colours from these. They will explore how to use black and white to make light and dark shades and use these skills to create artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. The focus will be on developing fine motor skills and expressing ideas creatively.

## DT

In Design and Technology, children will explore the topic 'Moving Mini Beasts'. They will design and create simple moving models, learning how different parts can move using a range of tools and materials safely.