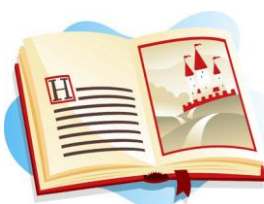


Year 1 Learning

Autumn 2026

Welcome to Year 1



Autumn Term Topic – Create:

‘What Do You Treasure?’

This term, we will be answering the big question ‘What do you treasure? This topic will have a focus on art and creative skills. Along the way, we will think about why we value certain things and what makes them precious. We will be looking at the world around us and finding beauty in nature whilst questioning whether we all see things in the same way. We will work towards a final piece of artwork that reflects our learning throughout the term and build up to our exhibition of work to showcase the skills and concepts we have learned during our Create topic.

Art Learning

During our Create topic we will focus on the following skills

- Colour mixing
- Creating textures
- Ripping, curling and folding techniques
- Observational line drawing
- Collage
- Recreating patterns

English Learning

This term we will be learning:

- To sit at the table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- To begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- To compose a sentence orally before writing it
- To listen to and discuss a range of stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which we can read independently
- To become very familiar with key stories, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics

We will be using a variety of stories that focus on taking care of the world around us as inspiration for sentence writing.

Mathematical Learning

This term, we will be covering learning across these areas:



- **Comparison of quantities and measures**
 - Items can be compared using their height, width, mass
 - Knowing that some sets can contain more/less/the same as another set
 - Using $>$, $<$ and $=$ to compare the number of objects in a set
- **Introducing whole and parts; part-part whole**
 - The whole can be represented by a whole object
 - A whole can be split into two or more parts. If I know the whole and one part, I can work out the other part
- **Composition of numbers 0 – 5**
 - Beginning to subitise a number of objects in a group
 - Using ordinal numbers
 - Each of the number 1 – 5 can be partitioned in different ways or systematically
 - The number before a given number is one less and the number after a given number is one more
 - Partitioning can be represented on bar models

Scientific Learning

This half term, in science, we will be learning about 'Seasonal Changes'. Children will learn to observe changes within the seasons and will learn how different types of weather are associated to the different seasons. They will also talk about how the day length varies and what this looks like for each season.

In the second half of term, our topic will be 'Materials'. Children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made; identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock; and they will learn to describe simple properties of everyday materials.

PSHE Learning

Autumn 1 - My Healthy Self. Children will learn how to recognise and name a range of emotions and identify facial and body clues linked to feelings.

Autumn 2 - Connecting with Others. Within this unit, children will learn to identify what makes them and others special, how friends, family and classmates can help and support each other.



Music Learning

Our 'My Musical Heartbeat' unit is written to help children explore the saying, 'every piece of music has a heartbeat'. When listening and singing to the music and songs in this unit, children will try to find and keep the pulse or steady beat to the music and songs, together. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with different songs, children will listen and appraise other tunes.

We will also be learning a range of songs for our Christmas nativity and following the Dance, Sing and Play unit from Charanga.



PE Learning

For both autumn half terms, our Indoor PE unit will be around learning gymnastic skills and how to put out and use the equipment safely.

In outdoor PE we will be looking at invasion games for the first half of the autumn term and then ways in which we can develop our throwing and catching skills in the second half of the term.

Computing Learning

This term we will be focusing our learning on using Tapestry. Children will be taught how to take photos and upload them to the platform so that their learning can be shared our home.

Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at the topic of Creation and thinking about the question, 'Who made the World?'. We will be thinking about all the wonderful things in creation and making our own collage pictures to show these. Leading up to Christmas we will be looking at the topic of Incarnation - exploring the question, 'Why is Christmas important to Christians?' We will learn which parts of our Christmas tradition come from the original bible story by becoming familiar with the characters and storyline of the Nativity.

How can you help?

We really value the partnership between home and school, and there are so many ways you can get involved in your child's learning journey this year.

- If you have any spare moments, whether at morning drop-off, the end of the day, or during the week - we'd love to welcome you into class to help with reading or to share a skill, like gardening, sewing or craft.
- Reading with your child as often as possible at home, playing simple maths games and enjoying stories together are all fantastic ways to support their learning and build vocabulary. We are happy to help provide games if that would help!
- And of course, we're always grateful for parent volunteers to join us on school trips when needed. Your support makes a real difference, and it means the world to the children too!

Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Monday 21st and Thursday 22nd September – Room for Reading begins
- Wednesday 23rd September – Open Evening 4-6pm
- Friday 25th September - INSET Day
- Tuesday 29th September – Harvest Church service Years 1,2 and 3; 10am start
- Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October – Parents Evenings
- Monday 26th-Friday 30th October – Half Term
- Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET Days
- Thursday 10th December – Years 1 and 2 Nativity 1:30pm
- Friday 11th December – Years 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am
- Friday 18th December – Last day of autumn term



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