



# Year 1 Curriculum Letter

**Summer 2  
2026**

## **Welcome back Year 1!**

We are very proud of all the progress year 1 have made last term, which is the result of all their hard work. The teachers have planned a new half- term full of exciting and new learning opportunities. This newsletter will highlight the curriculum topics we will cover this term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

### **English**

This half term the children will be reading a range of books such as **'The Crocodile Under the Bed'** by **Judith Kerr** and **'Silly Billy'** by **Anthony Browne**.

Children will be:

- Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing.
- Retelling key events of the stories.
- Using conjunctions such as **'and'** and **'but'**.

#### **How can you help your child at home?**

Encourage them to practise their handwriting and learn the Year 1 harder to read and spell words that are sent home.

### **Science**

This half-term we will continue to explore plants. The children will be focussing on the changes that occur when plants grow and be looking at plants that can be eaten. They will learn the names of common plants and also observe, describe and record the changes in the weather over time.

[KS1 Science - Plants - BBC Bitesize](#)

### **Computing**

This term the children will continue learning the basics of programming using Scratch Jr . They will get a chance to explore how simple programs work and then design and create their own animations.

### **Art and Design**

In art this term the children will be looking at wool wrapping, plaiting, threading and knotting techniques as well as how to weave.

Children will also be looking at key features of Cecilia Vicuna's work and be comparing their own weaving to hers.

### **History**

Children will learn about explorers such as; Christopher Columbus, Dame Ellen MacArthur and Matthew Henson. They will be looking at how these explorers have shaped and changed the world. We will also be carrying on with our theme of looking at now and then.

### **Religion and World Views**

Our focus this half term will be on **'Why we should care for others'**. Children will be building on their understanding of the Humanist, Hindu, Islam, Sikh, Christian and Jewish approaches to this theme.

We will also be looking at similarities about people's beliefs about caring for others.

### **Maths**

Our focus this half term will be **Place Value to 100, Money and Time**.

#### **Place Value**

Children will be:

- Consolidating learning of partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones
- Counting forwards and backwards to and from 100
- Consolidating their learning on one more and one less

#### **Measurement/Geometry**

Children will be:

- Identifying the value of British notes and coins.
- Learning to read the time to the hour and half-past the hour
- Learning to order events in a day using vocabulary

#### **Useful websites:**

Place value: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

Money: [Recognising coins - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

### **P.E**

P.E lessons will be taught by a specialist P.E teacher. Children will learn different techniques to stop a rolling ball and they will learn how to hit a ball in the right direction.

Children must come in their P.E kits on their allocated days.

### **PSHE**

Children will continue to learn about keeping safe, keeping healthy and being responsible.

Thank you

Mrs Mehta 1W   Mrs Qaisrani 1P   Mrs Hussain 1S   Mrs Mayani 1F



## Year 1 Home Learning Summer 2

Please complete the challenges below by Monday 26th June 2026.  
Learning is to be submitted in your red home learning book.

### Art - weaving

Can you create a similar style weave to Cecilia Vicuna's artwork at the Tate? Have a go at trying to tie knots.



### History - Famous explorers!

Can you create a poster showing the life and discovery of one famous explorer? E.g. Christopher Columbus or Matthew Henson.



Include **what they discovered** on your poster and **how that has shaped the world**.

### English - Stories

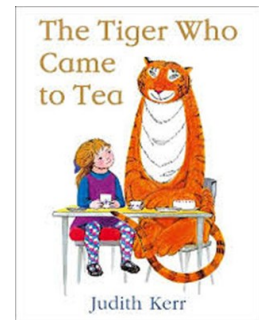
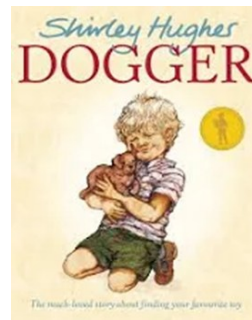
Have you read a good book recently?  
Tell us all about it!  
Draw a picture of your favourite part of the book and write a matching sentence.

#### **Don't forget to use:**

- \* A Capital letter
- \* Finger spaces
- \* A full stop



ELS essential letters and sounds



Use a phonics sound mat to help you.

### Phonics

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is fast approaching, and we want to ensure all children feel confident and prepared. Over **this half term**, please help your child by practising **phonics daily**, even for just **5-10 minutes**. Little and often makes a big difference!

To support you, here are some **free** and child-friendly websites where children can practise their sounds, blending, and decoding real and 'alien' words:

#### **PhonicsPlay (Free Resources)**

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Try games like *Buried Treasure*, *Dragon's Den*, and *Picnic on Pluto*.

#### **ICT Games - Phonics**

[ictgames - English: 5-7 year olds](#) Engaging blending and segmenting games that align well with classroom learning.

#### **Monster Phonics' Online Phonics Screening Check**

[Online Phonics Screening Check Tool - Monster Phonics](#) Use this to run through practise test words

### Compulsory Homework — Maths Fluency Focus

Week 1: Count forwards to 100.

Week 2: Count backwards from 100.

Week 3: Learn the number bonds to 10.

Week 4: Learn the number bonds to 20.

Week 5: Count in 2's.

Week 6: Count in 5's.

Week 7: Count in 10's.

Reading books will be changed **every Friday**. Please ensure reading record's are **signed daily**.

Spellings will be given every Tuesday and children will be tested the **following Monday**.