

AUTUMN 2026

Your guide to the term ahead

Welcome to Year 1

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Good to Know

Dress for **PE** on **Tuesdays and Thursday (Galaxy)** and **Wednesdays and Thursdays (Orbit)**

Books are changed on Fridays (Big Cats and physical books).

Help at Home

Read together daily and ask your child to tell you about characters, events and new vocabulary.

Practise to counting up 20 and read and write numbers up to 20 using numerals and words.

Ask your child what they have been learning this week. Can they teach you something new?

Encourage your child to use their phonics to sound out words and write simple sentences.

Key Dates

Term Dates

2nd September - 18th December

Half Term

26th - 30th October

Inset day

4th December

Phonics Workshop

6th October - 3PM



Our Learning this Term



Here is an overview of the exciting learning taking place in Year 1 this term.

English

Reading & Phonics

This term, we will revisit and secure our Reception phonics knowledge before learning new graphemes (letter patterns) and using these to read more complex words. We will apply these skills when reading books, developing our fluency and expression, exploring new vocabulary and using what we have read to answer questions, make predictions and share our ideas.

Writing

This term, we will develop our confidence as writers through exciting stories and non-fiction writing, beginning with Ivy and the Lonely Cloud. We will bring characters to life through drama, acting and retelling stories in our own words. Along the way, we will use our phonics to spell words and develop sentence structure, including capital letters and full stops.

Maths

This term, we will become confident with numbers to 20, exploring place value, counting, comparing and ordering. We will develop our addition and subtraction skills through practical problem-solving, before investigating 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties.

Science

This term, we will become curious scientists as we explore the world of plants. We will identify and label the different parts of a plant and learn to name a variety of garden plants and wildflowers. During the next half term, we will investigate seasonal changes and explore how the world around us changes throughout the year. We will ask questions, make careful observations and share what we discover.

Foundation Subjects

This term, we will explore our world, journey into the past and learn more about ourselves and others. We will investigate the weather, describing different weather patterns and exploring how we can dress appropriately for each season. In History, we will discover what childhood was like in the past and compare it with childhood today. We will develop our curiosity by making connections, sharing ideas and thinking about how the world has changed over time. Along the way, we will explore different beliefs and traditions, learn how to keep our bodies healthy and celebrate the similarities and differences that make each of us unique.

