

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 1

Spring 2026 Newsletter



Welcome back to the Spring Term! The Year 1 team hopes you all had a joyful and restful Christmas, and we would like to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for the generous Christmas gifts - your kindness is truly appreciated. Outlined below are the exciting topics and areas of learning we will be covering throughout the spring term.

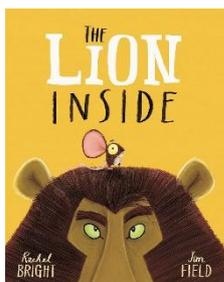
Maths

This term in Maths, we are continuing to develop a range of strategies to support learning numbers to 20, including 'Think 10' and exploring the concepts of equality and balance. We will also investigate measures such as length, height, mass, and speed, alongside ordering and comparing coins. In the second half of the term, we will begin counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s to build a strong foundation for multiplication.



English

Our first half term book focus is *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. Our writing outcome will be to write a story about a small animal (mouse) who befriends a large animal in the African savannah. Our second half term story is *The Curious case of the Missing Mammoth* by Ellie Hattie. We will be to write a story based on the structure of 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' with a change of character. Children will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons and read individually with an adult each week.



Science

Across the Spring term in Science, we will be exploring the topic Animals Including Humans. We'll learn how animals vary in many ways and how they can be grouped based on their characteristics. The children will also investigate different animal diets, including those that eat meat, plants, or both. In addition, we will take a closer look at the five senses and how they help humans understand the world around them.



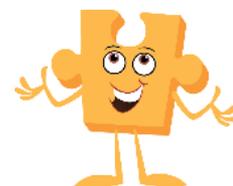
History/Geography

In Spring 1, our History topic will focus on the first aeroplane flight by the Wright Brothers. The children will learn about who they were, their remarkable achievements, and gain an understanding of how early planes worked. In Spring 2, our Geography topic will explore the United Kingdom, with a focus on naming and locating the four countries that make it up, as well as identifying the surrounding seas.



Relationships and Health Education (Jigsaw)

In Year 1, we will be following the excellent Jigsaw scheme for PSHE. This term begins with the topic Dreams and Goals, where children will learn how to set goals, work towards them, and overcome challenges along the way. In the second half of the term, we will focus on Healthy Me, exploring how to keep our bodies healthy and safe.



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Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E. this term, we will explore Christ Stories by answering the question: What did Jesus teach about God? Children will learn what a parable is and discuss why Jesus used them, as well as their meaning for Christians today. In the second half of the term, we will focus on the question: Why do Christians pray to God? We will explore different ways people pray and consider what they might pray for.



Art / Design and Technology

In the first half of the term, our Art focus will be on exploring lines and waves, building towards a final piece where children will draw from observation. In the second half of the term, we will begin our Design and Technology unit with a focus on textiles. The children will design and create their own puppets, learning different joining techniques along the way.



Physical Education (P.E.)

This term, the children will have PE on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. Children will continue to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named jumper and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold (school colours only please - blue, grey, black). This term, the units we will focus on are (Spring 1) 'Ball Skills: Feet', 'Health and Wellbeing', (Spring 2) 'Ball Skills: Hands 2', 'Gymnastics: Wide. Narrow. Curled'.



Computing

This term in Computing, children will continue to develop their keyboard skills and confidence using Purple Mash. In the first half term, our focus will be on data handling, including sorting, grouping, and creating pictograms. In Spring 2, children will begin to explore computational thinking through fun, practical activities such as being Lego builders and maze explorers. These tasks will help them learn to give and follow clear instructions.



Music

We will learn key musical terminology, explore a range of instruments, and enjoy singing songs together. Our two units this term are 'Exploring Sounds' and 'Learning to Listen', which will help develop their understanding of musical elements and listening skills. Through these units, children will build confidence in expressing themselves through music.



Further information

Reading Books: Your children's books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday** but we do encourage repeat reading of texts, as this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. Please record your child's reading on **Boom Reader**, it is key for us when reading and changing your child's book.

Homework: The focus of home learning this year is reading, spelling and number facts. Please see the attached document for further information on expectations around this. An additional, optional homework grid for this term is also available.

Healthy snacks will be provided by school for the children's break time daily. Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Please could **all uniform and bags be clearly named** to help us re-unite lost items.

Miss Sharp, Mrs Miller, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Porter