

English

Phonics: We will be revising the set 2 and set 3 sounds. Children write every day in their daily phonics books and are encouraged to evaluate and edit their work to ensure accuracy.

Writing: We will continue to focus on our writing within our Phonics lessons, working on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops whilst applying our knowledge of our phonics sounds. We will be learning to say sentences out loud before writing them down, learning to write sentences to describe a place and a character, consistently using simple punctuation and finally producing a piece of independent writing.

Spanish We are all excited to begin learning Spanish with Senior Lopez! Lessons involve stories, games, and songs.

ART Children will learn about primary and secondary colours, mixing techniques and applying these skills in painting and printing. Encouraging exploration, confidence and culminating in creating a painted plate in the style of an artist.

Science This term our topic is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be investigating the difference between an object and the material it is made from and exploring the different materials that are in our classroom. We will look at how objects can be made of more than one material and how we can describe different materials.

Geography Our local area - our key question is: What will we find in our local area? We will explore the local area and recognise familiar places. We will use maps to gather information and locate places/landmarks on a map and use simple compass directions, N, E, S and W.

Our Year 1 Mission: This half term, the children are learning about *The Common Good*, exploring how we take part in our communities by working together, participating and being active members. This links beautifully with our school values.

Spring 1: Galilee to Jerusalem



Religion Our R.E. topic this half term is 'Galilee to Jerusalem. In this unit we will recognise that Jesus is special, retell the story of Jesus in the temple and identify some of the people that encounter Jesus. We will learn the story of Zacchaeus and that Christians take care of one another, especially when they are in need. Finally, we will reflect on how Jesus is a light for all.

Computing We will focus on developing mouse skills by learning how to log in and navigate around a computer while creating digital artwork. This will include drag, drop, click and control a cursor using a mouse. We will continue to look at being safe online.

PE This half term, the children will have a PE lesson on **Tuesday** with our coach and with myself on **Friday**. Please come in PE kit for these two days.

Where is God in our Learning? In Year 1, our learning goes beyond knowledge and skills – we also learn about opening our eyes to God's presence in our lives and following His guidance in how we live. God is with us in every subject, helping us to grow. The children will explore patterns in **Maths**. We are helping them see that patterns are all around us in God's creation – from the petals on a flower to the stars in the sky. By noticing these patterns, the children are learning to appreciate the order, beauty, and creativity that God has placed in the world. In **PSHE**, the children understand that everyone is special and valued. Understanding how to keep safe, respect personal boundaries, and seek help from trusted adults reflects these teachings and supports the idea of living well together as part of the community and the common good. In **Geography**, children will explore how our local area is connected. Just like the parts of a community work together, we are all part of God's family and have a role in caring for the people and places around us.

Maths This half term the children will be learning about:

- Compare 3D and 2D shapes. Using them to compose, copy and extend repeating patterns.
- Additive structures: addition and subtraction, including part-part-whole relationships and writing equations.
- Composition of numbers

PSHE Our theme in PSHE is Safety and the Changing Body. Within this topic children will know to speak to an adult if they are worried or feel uncomfortable. They will understand ways to keep safe and will also understand what private information is: - that this is not to be shared with strangers.

Music

We will be looking at Dynamics with the theme of the Seaside. Children will make links between music, sounds and environments and use percussion, vocal and body sounds to represent the seaside.