

Year 1 Learning Summer 2 2025

English

We are reading Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham and Toby and the Great Fire of London by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope. The children will continue to sequence sentences to form short narratives. They will use conjunctions to join clauses within sentences and they will choose adjectives to describe nouns and create expanded noun phrases. They will also learn the features of diary writing in connection with their history topic and the diary of Samuel Pepys. Our new grammar focus is on verbs and the children will be acting out the verbs that they find in the text. The children will also be making predictions and offering opinions to develop their speaking and listening skills. We have now finished phase 5 phonics and are revising our sounds in readiness for the phonics check.



Maths

Every morning we complete mastering number activities. This half term includes learning about the composition of numbers within 20.

They will also have a daily Maths lesson using White Rose and a variety of other resources.

This half term the children will be exploring place value up to 100, plus recognising and counting coins in their topic on money.

Additionally, they will learn about time which includes days of the week, months of the year and telling the time to the hour and half past. Every week the children will be given the opportunity to practise their number skills on Numbots.



History

Within our History lessons children will learn about the Great Fire of London. They will understand why the fire started and how the design and materials of London houses in the 17th Century made the fire difficult to extinguish. They will learn more about this when they visit Tamworth Castle.

Science

This half term we will be investigating how plants grow. They will be able to name the parts of a plant and also some different varieties of plant. Children will revise what plants need to help them to grow.

Geography

Children will continue to learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom with a particular focus on London. They will consolidate their knowledge of villages, towns and cities and learn about how each country has a capital city. They will learn about how people travel around London.

PE

Pupils will be learning to use racquets and bats for games which involve striking a ball. We will also be practicing for Sports Day, building on our knowledge of running over longer and shorter distances and how to jump and throw with control.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit suitable for outdoors and encourage your child to practice dressing and undressing independently at home. Earrings must not be worn on PE days and if hair is long it must be tied back. PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Art/DT

During Art/DT lessons this half term, the children will design a London Bus for Paddington to fit inside using wheels and axels.

PSHE/RE/Music/Computing

In PSHE, the children will explore the topic of Me and Other people, exploring different groups and communities and discussing groups that they belong to. During RE they will learn about different religions and where and how they worship.

In Music lessons they will learn to improvise building on what they have learned throughout the year. In Computing lessons this half term, the children will learn how to design and programme the movement of a character on screen.

How to help your child at home

The children will continue to bring home an FFT whole class reading book linked to their phonics in addition to their usual colour banded home reading books. Please encourage them and support them to read both (although not on the same day). Also, bedtime stories are vital for developing book talk and are really enjoyable too! Most of the children have a spelling booklet. Please help them to read these words and then have a go at spelling one or two per day. They don't have to do them all in one go.

To develop their mathematical skills, children can log on to Numbots.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th June- visit to Tamworth Castle

Wednesday 25th June- 3pm-5pm Summer Fair

Wednesday 2nd July -Sports Day 10am -10.45am

Friday 18th July- break up

Monday 21st July- INSET day

If you have any questions please come and see or contact Mrs Armstrong or Mrs Whetton