

Year 1 2025-26 Summer Term 1 Newsletter

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If you would like to speak to any member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact us by making an appointment through the school office.

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Maths- In Maths, we will learn about fractions by recognising halves and quarters. We will also explore geometry, telling the time to o'clock and half past, and develop our understanding of place value. The children will practise addition and subtraction, solve missing number problems, and apply their skills in practical activities exploring capacity.

P.E:

Dance- Robots

FMS- Rolling a ball

Children will need to come to school in their full PE kit every Tuesday.

English- We will study the story 'No-Bot' by Sue Hendra as part of our work on fantasy stories, linking this to our topic work on Robots. We will learn the story with actions, retell the story and discuss the character's thoughts and feelings. At the end of the unit, the children will create their own innovated version of the story using the skills they have practised. We will focus on rereading and improving our work using purple polishing pens! Then, we will explore performance poetry and will learn the poem 'Robot Rumpus' by Sean Taylor and Ross Collins. We will consider what makes a good performance and will evaluate our own and our friends' performances. Finally, we will revisit recounts where we will design and make a robot, which links to our DT topic, before writing a recount to explain how we made the robot.

R.E- This half term, children are learning that Christians believe God made the world. They will hear and retell the Creation story from Genesis and think about what it says about God and the world. Pupils will also explore how Christians say thank you for creation and reflect on things they are grateful for in their own lives.

P.S.H.E- This half term, children explored the theme Being My Best. They learned how to stay healthy by eating well, keeping clean, and preventing the spread of germs. Pupils also understood that learning new skills takes practice and mistakes, and they developed listening, teamwork, and positive feedback skills to help themselves and others do their best.

Science- This half term, we will revisit our learning of materials and deepen our understanding of the names of objects and the materials that they are made out of with a focus on objects which may be made of more than one material. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions and set up an enquiry to explore the physical properties of materials. They will be encouraged to explore which objects are waterproof and how to find out if an object floats or sinks. Throughout the unit, the children will develop their vocabulary to describe the simple properties of common materials.

Computing- In Computing, we will focus on programming and moving a robot. We will begin the topic by exploring and following commands before moving on to combining forwards and backwards commands to make a sequence for the floor robot to follow. The children will then combine four direction commands to make sequences and they will experiment with turn and move commands to move the robot. Then, the children will plan a simple program and will try to debug their own programs. Finally, they will explore different routes for their floor robot and will find one solution to a problem.

Ideas to help your child at home:

- Read at home with your child as often as possible. This does not have to be the whole book it can be a couple of pages.
- Homework is set termly and can be brought in weekly to show and tell.
- Phonics Play is a fantastic website that can help your child with their phonics.

Things to remember:

- Homework will be set at the beginning of each half term and will be collected in the last week of each half term.
- **Year 1 children will need to come to school in their PE kits on a Tuesday.**
- Correct uniform to be worn all the time, including school shoes. Please notify school of any issues **Please can names be put in all uniform.**
- Reading books will need to be brought into school every day.
- Refresh yourself on the schools' behaviour policy, available from the school office or school website.

History- This half term, children will explore how toys have changed over time. They will compare modern toys with toys from the past, including toys their families played with, early 20th century toys, and Victorian toys. Pupils will use different sources to find out about the past and will begin to understand how toys have changed over time within living memory.

DT- The children will plan a design considering the junk materials that are available to them and the purpose of the final product that they will make. They will consider different designs and use them to choose the best design for their own robot creation. After this, they will make the product and finally will evaluate its success against the product specification.

Music- Our music unit based on the song Your Imagination. They learn through listening, appraising, singing, and musical activities that build key skills in rhythm, pitch, and performance. The lessons are carefully structured to support progression and help children develop confidence in making and responding to music.