

YEAR 1



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Coming up next week...21/09/2026

Maths

In Maths we will be counting backwards. We will be using the term 'value' and discussing how the numbers become lower in value when you count back. We will also be using the term 'less' and using a number track to help us calculate one less than a given number.

English

We are continuing our exciting journey into creating our own storybooks! This week, the children will be focusing on three key elements of storytelling: the **character**, the **setting**, and what the **character is doing**. To spark their imaginations, we'll be using some playful "story maths" - a fun way to combine two different ideas to invent a new story. For example, *dinosaur + pizza* might become a story about a dinosaur delivering pizza! This creative approach helps children explore how simple ideas can be combined to build engaging and original stories.

Phonics

In phonics the children will be revising 'th', 'ch', 'igh' 'ear' and reading longer words by chunking them: tree-top, wind-mill. This week's tricky words are: was, they, some, come, were, there, sure, pure.

Reading

Our guided reading VIPERS skill focus this week will be: Explain. The children will explore the skill of explain initially with a familiar text and then apply the skill to an unseen text.

Topic

In geography we will be focusing our school and how the children would like to make the playground even better. They will be taken on walks around the school and the outside area to locate key features and draw aerial view maps.

In RE we will explore the question: I wonder why God gave in creation?

PE

For this half term:

Indoor PE - Fitness

Outdoor PE - Team building

Please ensure all children are sent to school wearing their appropriate PE kit on the days that their class has PE and please remove any earrings.

Homework

The children will be bringing home phonics sheets. These sheets will revise the content taught the previous week and are to help your child consolidate their phoneme knowledge.

Reminders

On Tuesday 22nd September at 9am we will be hosting our Year 1 meeting online via Teams.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. However, if you are unable to make it, all information that is being shared in the meeting will be sent out following the meeting too.

*When joining the meeting please ensure you join stating **your child's name**. Due to school policy we are not able to admit any unknown persons.*

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.