

Curriculum Information

Year 1 Autumn Term 2 2025

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
English	In English, we will be focusing on a range of different genres. Linked to our Science topic 'Seasonal Changes,' we will use a text called 'Seasons' to write a non-chronological report about the seasons. We will also write a recount about our trip to Sudbury Childhood Museum. Within our writing, we will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.	Reading Please hear your child read at home at least five times a week. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. Please help your child to read every night and record on the GoRead App. Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com
	Reading books will be changed each week.	Spelling Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a difference.
Phonics	This half term we will be moving on to learning alternative spellings of previously taught diagraphs and introduce split diagraphs. We will be practising segmenting and blending the sounds in real and alien words.	Each week homework will be set based on the phonemes that the children have learnt during phonics lessons. Please encourage your children to practise these phonemes at home.
Maths	This term we will be looking at comparing quantities using vocabulary such as 'more than' and 'less than' and we will look at part whole relationships within quantities and numbers. We will focus on numbers 0 to 5 including the composition of these numbers. Finally, we will look at 2D and 3D shapes.	You could count groups of objects and compare them to each other. Can children explain how they made the comparison? E.g. 'There are more than because' You could look at 2D and 3D shapes out in the children's environment. How many shapes can you spot when you go out? How many vertices does the shape have? How many sides does the shape have? Online Learning Your child can develop their mathematical skills using Purple Mash and Numbots. They can also access TopMarks on www.topmarks.co.uk



Science	In Science this half term, we will be continuing with our topic- 'Seasonal Changes.' We will be observing the weather patterns and events that occur as Autumn changes to Winter. We will continue to use simple equipment to carry out simple investigations to help us to learn more about the weather in each season.	You can help your child by discussing what the weather is like each day. They could record the daily weather on a weather chart and see if they can identify any patterns. Watching the weather forecast on the television will also help. Online Learning www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8d2n39
History	During this half term, we will be continuing with our 'School days' topic. During History lessons, we will continue to build upon what we have learnt about the History of our school, and we will be looking closely at what life was like in a Victorian school.	You can help your child at home by finding out more information about what life was like in Victorian schools. Ask your child to think about if they would prefer to go to school in Victorian times or in a modern-day school.
Geography	During this half term, we will be continuing with our 'School days' topic. During Geography lessons, we will continue to learn about our local area. We will be learning about human and physical features and identifying these in the local environment. We will look at different maps and compare what the local area looks like now, to what it was like in the past. We will discuss the reasons why the local area has changed.	Online Learning: You can help your child by using Google Earth using the following link - Google Earth Using Google Earth can you child find out about the local area. What human and physical features can they see on a map of the local area?
Art & Design	As part of our topic, 'Funny Faces and Fabulous Features,' we will be learning about the concept of portraits. We will be looking at portraits by famous artists. We will be learning about how collage can be used to create a portrait. We will be putting together all we have learnt to create a final self-portrait.	You can help your child at home by encouraging them to look at different self-portraits. Allow them to use a mirror and really study their facial features.
Design Technology	No DT taught this half term.	



Computing	This half term children will be practising using their log in details to log on to the school laptops. We will be focusing on online safety and keeping our log in details safe.	You can help your child by accessing the link below. Children will learn about keeping their personal information safe. Online Learning www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymykqt/articles/zwbq7ty
PE	This half term we will be focusing on Gymnastics. We will be learning to use our body to produce stretched and curled shapes. During outdoor PE we will be focusing on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. Indoor PE - Thursday Outdoor games - Friday	Please make sure your child has full P.E kit. Children will need pumps for indoor games. • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed
Swimming	In swimming, we will continue stroke development, for more advanced swimmers this will include over arm action and front crawl breathing technique. Confidence will increase to allow non swimmers to attempt swimming independently. Skills such as floating, submerging, blowing bubbles etc will be practised in a fun way using games and songs. An introduction to mini water polo will also take place. Swimming - Tuesday	Please remember all children will need a named swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat and towel please.
RE	Our topic this half term is, 'What can we learn from stories and prayers of Jesus?' We will be listening to stories about Jesus and retelling them in different ways. We will be discussing the meaning behind different stories about Jesus and why these stories matter to Christians.	Share the Christmas story with your child. Discuss what this story means to Christians. What does this story tell us about who Jesus was?
PSHE	This half term one of our topics will be Keeping and Staying Healthy with a focus on hand washing. We will look at why we	While you are at home, talk about why hand washing is important. Why should we wash our hands? How can washing our hands keep us healthy?



	should wash our hands and the potential consequences of not washing our hands. Then we will look at Relationships with a focus on friendships. We will look at how we behave within our friendships and how our behaviours can affect others.	Talk about what makes a good friend.
Music	In Music this half term, we will be studying rhythm through the genre of hip-hop; using untuned percussion instruments to create rhythms and play along with music; singing hip-hop.	You can help your child by listening to a range of music. They would also benefit from listening to and joining in with a range of different songs.
Visits and Visitors	Year 1 Visit to Sudbury Hall - 13.11.2025 Christmas Party Day - 19.12.25 - There may be a very special visitor at our party!	
Curriculum Days/ Special Events	5.11.2025- Bonfire Night 11.11.2025 - Remembrance Day 21.11.2025 - Diwali Curriculum Day - w/c 8.12.2025	