



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first curriculum newsletter of the new school year. Here you will find details of the learning your children will be undertaking during the first term of the year, along with some other key information.

We're very excited to be welcoming your children into our Year 1 classes. They have adapted well to our new daily routines and working with different adults in our team.

Doors will open at 8:35 and close at 8:45. We will start teaching promptly at 8:55, to avoid missing any learning we would appreciate you help in ensuring the children are in school on time.

PE & Games

1DP - PE will be on Monday's and Friday's
1LC - PE will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's
1BL - PE will be on Monday's and Tuesday's

PE Kit

Plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms

Plain royal blue T-Shirt

Royal blue hoody

Plain black PE shorts/cycling style shorts that cover most of the thigh area

Plain white, black, grey or royal blue socks that **do not** have a sporting or other logo on.

Plain black trainers

We will be going outside for P.E all year. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has the correct kit.

Please ensure hair is tied back on PE days and earrings are either removed or covered with tape.

Year I Curriculum

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Science	Animals including Humans	Materials
History	How am I making history?	-
Geography	-	Where are we in the world?
Art	-	Printing and Collage - Giuseppe Arcimboldo
DT	Design, make and evaluate a hand puppet using templates and joining.	-
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?	Who do Christians say made the world?
PE	CORE PE - Personal - Footwork and balance Attack, defend and shoot - outdoor	CORE PE skills - Social - Jumping and landing Hit, catch and run - outdoor
Computing	E-safety	We are TV chefs
Music	Rhythm and Pulse	Voice
Life Learning	TEAMS	It's my body

English

This half term we will be learning to write adventure stories and fact files. We will be sharing a variety of different stories that link with our writing, including 'Naughty Bus' and 'Astro Girl'. We will be focusing on basic spelling and punctuation to structure a sentence. During English learning we will work on our letter formation - recognising and using the correct lower case and capital letters. The children will be encouraged to correctly place letters on the line and use the correct spacing between words.

Maths

This term we are focusing on Place value, Numbers to 10 and Calculation up to 10. Where needed we will be revising skills learnt last year. Together we will be singing lots of counting songs like '10 in a bed', '5 little ducks', '10 green bottles' and counting forward and back to 20 and beyond. We'll begin by sorting objects by colour, pattern or shape and we'll talk about maths to help us reason about it. Our problem solving includes using counters to partition numbers into two parts and recombine them and working out missing parts to numbers.

Year 1 Science

Animals including Humans

In this unit of work, children will learn to name parts of the body and point to them. We will be singing together songs like 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes.' They will also learn about the 5 senses and get to test them out; going on a look and listen walk; smelling different scents; feeling textures in class and outside and tasting different flavours. We will be sending more information about the taste test by Weduc message soon.

Materials

After half term we will be finding out the names of different materials and sorting objects into groups of plastic, wood, metal and fabric items. We will also be testing out the properties of different materials and discussing if materials are soft or hard, stretchy or waterproof. We'll also investigate what happens to ice if it is heated.

History – How am I making History?

This term the children are learning about their own personal history and timelines. The children will be engaged in what they were like as a baby, remembering any key events and special memories in their life so far, being able to sequence a simple timeline of their own and looking at what childhood was like for children in the past – how does it compare to children now?

Geography – Where are we in the world?

In Geography this term, the children will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and the children's own locality. Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world.

The children will continue to build on their map skills developed in Year 1 using atlases, world maps and globes more widely, along with using aerial photographs to recognise human and physical features including landmarks.

Art - Printing and Collage – Giuseppe Arcimboldo



This half term we will be exploring printing using natural materials such as fruit, vegetables, leaves and flowers.

We will be creating repeating patterns

Our final piece will be a portrait using natural materials inspired by our focused artist – Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

DT - Puppets

In design and technology this term we will design, make and evaluate a puppet from a traditional tale. We will be learning how to cut, shape and join materials. We will look at puppets from the Muppets and Sesame Street and learn about Jim Henson. We will retell our traditional tale stories and evaluate our product.

Year 1 Staff

Class teachers: Mrs Partner Key Stage 1 Lead and 1DP,
Mrs Couch in 1LC and Miss Lovett in 1BL

To help us support your children through their time in Year 1, we have some other wonderful members of staff:

Miss Summers, Miss Marrows, Miss Poynton and Mrs Watson.

This year we also have Miss Jobburn who is undertaking her teacher training at Hugglescote. She will be based in 1DP but is looking forward to getting to know all the children throughout her training.

The children have already started working with the team and are enjoying the work they are doing.

Home Learning – Weekly

- Numbots- online stories and games that work on subitising, basic addition and subtraction. The Log ins will be sent home in Reading Records and in a letter.
- Reading - We expect that the children read at least 4 times a week at home. The more your child reads the better as we aim to increase children's fluency and expression in reading this year.
- Spellings - Little Wandle spelling sheets that support the learning that has taken part in the classroom. These will be sent home on a Friday and should be handed in by Thursday.

Independence

Now the children have moved into Year 1 we will be actively encouraging them to develop their independence. Children will be supported to look after their own belongings, help in class and to take on class responsibilities. It has been wonderful to see how the children have taken on coming into school on their own, developing their confidence throughout the first two weeks of term.

Please ensure all items are named. All classes have a box to place their jumpers in. If any items are found in class this is where your child should be encouraged to look for their own things.

Behaviour

This year as part of the Hugglescote Way values we are teaching the children the rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. The children are encouraged to make the right choices to be ready to learn, respectful of themselves, others and their environment and keep themselves and others safe.



Our relationship with you

Should you have any queries relating to your child, homework, or school, please do not hesitate to contact us via Weduc. Your messages will be forwarded on to us by the office and will take every opportunity to speak with you as soon as possible - Please note though that we will be unable to reply to any messages sent at the weekend. Messages sent in the evening may not be seen until the next day. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Mrs Partner, Mrs Couch, Miss Lovett and the Year 1 Team.

Help raise funds for our reading

This half term, we are asking each child in Year 1 to raise £20.26. This is to help us purchase new reading practice books.

We have included a few ideas of how you might like to challenge yourself and raise money...but the opportunities are endless.

We can wait to hear what challenges you've undertaken to support your fundraising efforts.

