



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1

Pentecost Term 2026

RE

- **To the Ends of the Earth** - Looking at the cycle of life, death and resurrection of Jesus as well as the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Focusing on the mission of the church which begins at Pentecost.
- **Dialogue and Encounter** - Looking at our local parish community and the different symbols within it. We will be going on a trip to the local church to explore and discover more about our faith.

English

- **Manfred the Baddie** - Children will create independent get well soon cards, instructions to make a sandwich and they own comic strip!
- **The Queen's Hat** - Looking at a diary entry, speech bubbles and posters.
- **Grammar & Punctuation:** Capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, question marks and exclamation marks.

Maths

- **Multiplication and Division** - Looking at our 2, 5 and 10-times tables.
- **Fractions** - Working with various materials for halves and wholes.
- **Place Value within 100** - To be able to complete simple addition and subtraction sums for numbers up to 100.
- **Money and Time** - To introduce the big concepts of money and time ahead of Year 2.

Science

- **Plants** - Recognise and identify the different features of plants and observing the changes of a plant as they grow.
- **Growing and cooking** - To explore where our food comes from and how we can grow our own.
- **Planting** - Identify and label parts of a plant.

Art/DT

- **Sculpture and 3D (Art)** - Looking at various techniques using paper
- **Cooking (DT)** - Creating our own smoothies using various healthy ingredients.

History/Geography

- **What is it like in Shanghai?** - Looking at human and physical geography features of our home and comparing them with Shanghai.
- **How have explorers changed the world?** - Looking at what an explorer is and how they have changed over time.

PE

- **Team Building** - Working as a team and our sharing skills.
- **Athletics** - Jumping
- **Games** - Beginning to play team games and focusing on running technique and stamina.

PSHE/RSE

- **Created to love in the community** - focusing on our relationships within our homes and community and how we can strengthen them through God.
- **Living in the wider world** - Looking at the rights and responsibilities different individuals have within our world.

Music

- **Improvisation** - Working with the Luton Music Service to create sound with various instruments
- **Perform Together** - Looking at how to build up a group performance. Focusing on timing and pace to make sound and a collective.

Computing

- **E-Safety** - Staying safe online and always showing kindness.
- **The Internet** - Looking at how and why we use the internet while keeping safe
- **BeeBots** - using software to move our BeeBots around a track
- **Programming** - Looking at building a simple code to create movement and animation.

Homework

In Year 1, homework is designed to support the important skills your child is learning in class. The most valuable thing you can do at home is read regularly with your child, and we ask that children read at least three times a week, recording each session in their reading record. A new reading book is issued on Mondays if three reads have been completed. Little and often is best, as this builds confidence, fluency, and a love of stories. Children can also practise their phonics using the FFT Parent Portal, which matches exactly what we are learning in school. Each Monday, children receive weekly spellings and a short piece of online maths homework on MyMaths to consolidate class learning. Children are also expected to practise Times Table Rock Stars, focusing on the 2s, 5s and 10s. Please keep up to date with messages on Class Dojo, where we share reminders and celebrate learning. By completing these simple routines, children develop independence and strengthen the link between home and school.