

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

SPRING TERM 2026

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to express our appreciation for the many gifts, cards and messages we received just before Christmas. Thank you!

We have been busy thinking ahead for the spring term and would like to share with you our plans for the next half term and beyond.

Curriculum

This term our topic is 'Explorers' and we will be learning about global explorers and space exploration. Next half term, we will be visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester.

Phonics	Phase 5
Literacy	Reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our topics. Working on improving sentence structure and spelling the tricky words. Learning how to extend sentences using conjunctions (and, because) and include adjectives to describe objects/characters.
Maths	Addition and subtraction within 20, place value (within 20) and measurement.
Science	Observing seasonal change specifically linked to winter and spring and investigating different materials and their purposes.
History	Significant individuals such as Polar Explorers - Mathew Henson, Felicity Aston and Astronauts - Neil Armstrong and historical events and their causes and consequences.
P.S.H.E./R.E.	Talking about our Dreams and Goals and discussing a healthy lifestyle. Caring for others.
P.E.	Dance and agility.
Computing	Programming and grouping data.
DT	Designing and making boats.
Art	3D model making and observational drawings.

To help your child to continue to make good progress we ask that you try to read at home **every day** for at least 10 minutes, **recording it in your child's reading diary**. It is important that we can monitor how often the children are reading at home and that we can record the children's reading in school. We change the children's books once a week and your child will receive a phonics reading book and a book from the class library.

We kindly ask that children's book bags are clearly labelled with their full name. Please make sure all of child's clothing is clearly labelled with their full name. All children must wear school shoes on non-PE days, not trainers.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team