



Spring Term 2026



KS1 Year 1 and 2



Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We had a fantastic start to our year together last term and it certainly ended on a high with all the Christmas fun and our amazing carol concert. This term we have lots of fun and exciting things planned and we can't wait to get going!

Curriculum

Our topic for the Spring Term will be '**Once Upon a Castle**'. This topic will enable the exploration of the past beyond living memory through a topic that is sure to spark pupil's interest and curiosity. Using timelines, historical sources, portraits, information and historical sources we will develop an understanding of castles including their uses and key features. We will also explore life inside a castle including knights, servants, kings and queens. I wonder how a Norman Motte and Baily castle compares to the modern homes of today?



Alongside this we will continue to learn about the Geography of the UK and how it fits into the continents of the world. In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. In Art, we will be exploring different forms of portraiture, comparing formal Royal portraits to dynamic Picasso portraits and in DT food preparation and recipes. RE will focus on Judaism and the Easter story and during Computing lessons the Year 1 children will learn to use painting software and the Year 2s will develop their typing skills through the use of Word.

In Maths Year 1 will be focusing on place value, adding and subtracting and measure. Year 2 will be covering money, multiplication, division and fractions.

English will link to our 'Once Upon a Castle' topic with a focus on embedding key skills, developing independence and extending writing stamina. This will be done through a range of writing genres such as story writing with links to traditional tales such as Rapunzel and Jack and the Beanstalk, reports about castles and instructions linked to our work on food development in DT.

Story Teller

All the children in Foundation and KS1 are exceptionally lucky to have the opportunity this half term to work with an amazing storyteller Nicky Rafferty! She will be visiting the school for story telling sessions with the children every Thursday leading up to World Book Day in March.

Storytelling both at school and at home is a fantastic way to feed the children's imagination and creativity as well as develop their vocabulary and speech!



PE



Please make sure PE kits are always in school. PE kits can stay in school all half term or get taken home on a Friday and returned the following Monday. Frogs and Bumblebees are lucky to have dance with Miss Charlotte this half term and Rabbits have the excitement of archery with Mr Storey. School PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark coloured jogging bottoms/jumper and plimsolls or trainers. PE this term will focus on dance or archery, gymnastics, invasion games and net and wall games. Each class will have PE on different days this term so please see individual class notice windows for specific days. Please be aware if your child does not have their PE kit they will not be able to participate in the lesson.

Drinks Bottles

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle. It will need bringing to school each morning and taking home to be washed each evening. At this time of year we have many bugs going around so it is even more important that the children have their own bottle to use rather than cups in the classroom.

Homework

Homework has now started again and will be sent out on a **Tuesday**. Please make sure homework is returned by the **following Monday**. Please allow your children to complete their homework themselves, you may support them but the written answers need to be completed by the children. We will also continue to send home spellings for the children to learn. They will be tested **every Friday**. These can be found in the spelling section of your child's reading diary.

Great ways to practice spelling could include:

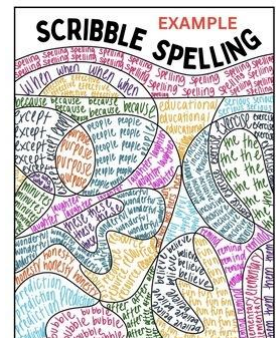
Rainbow

Write your spelling words using coloured pencils to create a rainbow.



Pyramid of words

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Reading

Our Fab 4 Reading Challenge will continue this term. Please ensure that your child reads at least **4 times every week** at home and brings their reading book and diary to school **every day!** Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. If you require any support with your child's reading then please speak to a member of the KS1 team.



Labels

Please, please, please write your child's name on all of their belongings including jumpers, PE kits, coats, shoes, water bottles and backpacks. It would also be great in the cold weather if gloves, hats and scarves could also be labelled!

If you have **any** concerns or questions, no matter how small please speak to a member of the KS1 team either before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to another fantastic term!

The KS1 Team!

