

## Year 1 – Summer 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

30th April 2025

We hope that you had a lovely Easter. We have yet another exciting term ahead with Science and Technology Week; Health, Fun and Fitness Week; and of course our Year 1 and 2 performance! Year 1 will also be having a trip to the Hive in Epping forest. You can find out more about the kind of activities they do on their website;  
<https://thehiveintheforest.co.uk/keystage1>

Our themes this term are:

Geography – The United Kingdom


Science- Materials

We will continue looking at the Seasons as part of our Geography and Science.

RE- Caring for others and the world across different religions.

During these themed sessions your child will explore a range of subjects including geography, music, science, PSHE, design and technology and art.

The following table outlines the work we shall be covering this term. We hope that this gives you a clear indication of what your children will be learning and ways in which you can support them.

Subject	Focus	Suggestions for parents
<b>Maths</b>	<p>This term we will be looking at multiplication and grouping numbers. We will then move on to fractions and numbers within 100.</p> <p>We will also look at money and time.</p> 	<p>Please take time to help your child with their homework. You could also play number games (with dominoes and dice), use opportunities for counting in practical situations i.e. shopping (using money), naming shapes and describing them.</p> <p>There are some parent resources on the White Rose website  <a href="https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources">https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources</a></p> <p>There are some online available on Topmarks and the BBC.  <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8</a></p>
<b>Literacy</b>	<p>Non- Fiction: recounts (trip to the Hive)</p> <p>Poetry: Reciting and performing rhyming poetry.</p> <p>Patterns and Predictable Patterns</p> <p>Fiction: Stories with a familiar setting</p> <p>Non chronological reports - The UK linked to geography</p> <p>Fiction: Fantasy and adventure stories and film</p>	<p><b>Please try to read with your child every day and please continue to share poems and stories at home.</b></p> <p><b>Please remember to practise the phonics sounds with your children and point them out when you see them in words.</b></p> <p>Don't forget to include reading non-fiction and information texts e.g. signs, maps, catalogues and cereal packets.</p> <p>Encourage your child to create their own stories: they could either write them down or draw a picture to show their story. You could even use their favourite cartoons as a starting point for their stories – e.g. making up a story about Ninja turtles or Lego friends coming to Oakthorpe!</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Science week- topic to be announced soon!</p> <p>Seasonal changes – Spring and Summer.</p> <p>Everyday materials</p>	<p>Grow some plants if you have a windowsill, balcony or garden.</p> <p>Visit parks and look at the plants and trees.</p> <p>Talk to your child about the changes that happen in Spring and Summer such as blossom on the trees, new growth of plants, changes in the length of the days, temperature etc.</p> <p>Explore materials and what they are made of at home. What would be the best material for an umbrella?</p> <p>Look at BBC bitesize for some more ideas!  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrsgsk7">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrsgsk7</a></p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>Weather</p> <p>The United Kingdom</p>	<p>This links with our science topic – you could make a weather chart with your child, watch or read the weather forecast.</p> <p>If you have visited another country, you could compare the weather by talking about the similarities and differences!</p>

		Look at the countries that make up the United Kingdom. What can you see in the different countries? <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-the-united-kingdom/zhtgrj6">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-the-united-kingdom/zhtgrj6</a>
<b>Art</b>	Exploring Watercolour- Exploring watercolour and discovering we can use accidental marks to help us make art.	This unit will extend our knowledge of paint and colour. A free visit to the wonderful art galleries in London would be a great day out.
<b>Computing</b>	Purple Mash unit  - Pictograms - Spreadsheets	Please talk to your children about pictograms and spreadsheets. You can show them this on your home device. Have a go at making your own pictogram based on your family's favourite fruit etc.
<b>R.E</b>  <b>PSHE</b>	Caring for others  Making a positive contribution to the environment Staying healthy	Please talk to your child about different religious beliefs and showing tolerance and respect for each other's beliefs.  Please talk to your children about recycling, saving water, and turning off lights to conserve energy.
<b>P.E</b>	Games Athletics preparation for sports day – Running, jumping and throwing.	Encourage children to show you what they have learnt in PE.  Help your child develop a short routine for the gymnastics competition.

We recommend the White Rose 1 Minute Maths App for quick daily practice. The App is free and it is available from the App store or Google Play Store.



#### **Dates for your diaries:**

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Science Week: Week beginning Monday 19th May 2025

Year 1 trip to The Hive, Epping Forest – Tuesday 20th May 2025 (***Please remember to pay the voluntary contribution and permission for this trip on ParentPay, thank you!***)

HALF TERM: Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Father's Day Fun: Monday 16th June 2025 (9-9.45am) this event is weather dependent and will not take place in poor weather

Health, Fun and Fitness Week: Week beginning Monday 16th June 2025

**INSET DAY: Friday 20th June 2025**

KS1 Show dates: Wednesday 9th /Thursday 10th July 2025

Last Day of Summer Term: Tuesday 22nd July 2025(School closes 1.15pm)

**Individual reading books** will be changed once a week. Your child will also choose additional books from the class book corners. This is a book for you to share with your child and can be changed as often as possible. We love to receive your comments about your child's progress. Please write your comments in your child's reading record book. Children make the best progress when they read **daily**.

Thank you for your continued support,

**The Year 1 Team**