

Autumn 1 – Year 1 2026-2027



English

Writing: We will create captions and labels linked to our local area. Children will practise spelling, sentence building and giving instructions. They will also retell The Three Little Pigs. Handwriting and letter formation will continue using Kinetic Letters.

Reading: Daily phonics will continue, with a focus on blending sounds and recognising words. Children will begin guided reading in small groups and enjoy a range of stories, sharing ideas and opinions about what they read.

How to help at home: Read three times a week, explore other traditional tales, verbally construct sentences and share opinions and thoughts.

Phonics

Through Unlocking Letters and Sounds, we will revisit the phonemes the children learnt last year and introduce Year 1 spelling rules, such as adding the suffixes –ed and –er. Our daily phonics lessons will include practising the alphabet, learning key words, blending sounds to support reading, and segmenting words to support spelling.



Maths

We will revisit key number skills, including counting, recognising quantities, comparing numbers, and finding one more and one less. Children will practise counting backwards, using number lines, and understanding greater than, less than and equal to.

We will use practical resources such as counters, Numicon, Rekenreks and tens frames to build number fluency and number bonds. Children will also begin using addition and subtraction symbols, forming numbers correctly, and recognising number words.

How to help at home: count forwards and backwards building up to 50 and find one more and one less of a given number.



Music

We will be focusing on singing and performing together. We will be identifying the pulse of a piece of music and making comparisons between different pieces. We will expand our musical vocabulary to include words such as pulse, round, beat, rhythm. We will listen closely to music and share what we can hear.

Geography

We will be learning about our local area of Merley. The children will explore maps at different scales, including globes, atlases, and aerial views, and will begin to create their own simple maps. Using maps of the school grounds to help develop navigation skills. Together, we will explore where Merley is located and consider why our local area is important.

RE & PSHE

The children will be looking at different celebrations and in particular the Jewish celebration of Yom Kippur.

We will learn about being respectful and understanding our feelings using Zones of Regulation. Children will vote for our Eco-Warrior and Voice Champion. We will also learn about the Green Cross Code and the importance of hand washing.

Art & PE

We will explore Kandinsky's artwork and use it to inspire our own. We will mix primary colours to create secondary colours and explore colour mixing. We will also create portraits using cutting, sticking and sketching.

In PE, we will develop movement skills such as throwing, catching, running and jumping. Children will learn the difference between a leap, hop and jump, and how exercise affects our bodies.

As part of Outdoor Adventurers, we will build strength, balance, agility and coordination through climbing, carrying, pushing and balancing activities. Children will practise moving safely across logs, stepping stones and ropes.



Computing

The children will be issued with their own MyLogin Magic Badge and learn to login to the school computers and access the google classroom.

They will begin to create and save documents, learn the names of everyday hardware (mouse, keyboard, screen) and learn how to use these alongside our school laptops (chromebooks). They will learn how to make capital letters when typing in a document as well as how to use a drawing programme.