Year 1 – What is it like here? Curriculum Information Autumn (2nd half) 2025

English

- We will be exploring the wonderful story of The Naughty Bus! Together, we'll follow the bus on its mischievous journey and even invite the Naughty Bus into our classroom to inspire our learning.
- We will engage in a variety of exciting writing tasks. These will include creating their own versions of the story, writing letters and diary entries.

Mathematics

- We will solve addition and subtraction problems with numbers to 10 and 20 using a range of strategies including objects, pictures, ten frames, number lines and part-part whole models.
- We will also learn addition and subtraction related facts.
- We will practise understanding and applying addition and subtraction using maths stories.

Science

- Our topic this half term is: Uses of everyday materials.
- We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.
- We will be learning to identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.
- We will describe simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

Geography

- In Geography, we will be focusing on exploring our local area and developing key map skills. The children will locate where they live on an aerial photograph and learn to recognise features within a local context.
- They will also create maps using classroom objects before progressing to drawing simple maps of the school grounds. The children will carry out an enquiry to explore how their playground could be improved.

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Skills for Life

- Our topic is 'Relationships (friendships)'. We will explore and understand a range of feelings, how feelings can be communicated without words, and the importance of caring about other people's feelings.
- We will explore different types of relationships and gain an understanding of a healthy and unhealthy relationship. We will also learn how to seek help and support if we feel uncomfortable in a relationship.

Art and Design/Design and Technology

- Children will explore primary and secondary colours through a London-themed art project. They will practise mixing colours, experiment with combining shapes and patterns, and use their developing skills to create vibrant artworks inspired by the city.

Computing

- In Computing this half term, we will be learning about digital painting.
- We will explore different tools to create pictures on the computer, learn how to make careful choices with colours and shapes, and create artwork inspired by famous artists.

Religious Education

- We will be learning about Gifts and Giving. We will find out how Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr and how Christians celebrate Christmas. We will explore why these celebrations are special, how people show kindness by giving, and how giving can make others feel happy and cared for.

How can you help your child at home?

- Read to and listen to your child read every day. Talk to your child about what they have read.
- Encourage your child to practise writing for different purposes. Read writing back to check it makes sense and practise proofreading.
- Practise calculating with numbers to 10 using a range of strategies. Practise learning number bonds to 10. Make up maths stories using objects around the house.
- Ensure that they complete their homework, which is given out on Friday and is expected back on Wednesday.
- Help them learn their weekly spelling words.

Physical Education

- We will be learning football skills this half-term.
- We will learn how to dribble, shoot, pass the ball, turn the ball when kicking and play games to practise these skills.

Music

- We will continue to develop our voices with a focus on accurate pitching. We will continue to learn to beat through dancing and playing simple percussion instruments.