



# Year 1 Spring Term Curriculum Bulletin 2024



Welcome back 😊 We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday! We are very excited about our two new topics! We will start with the topic Dinosaur Planet, and after the half term break, our topic will be Paws, Claws & Whiskers. Below is some information about what will be covered, as well as a few key notices.

Dinosaur Planet	Paws, Claws and Whiskers
<p><b>English:</b> In addition to RML we will be enjoying the books 'Gigantosaurus' and 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' amongst others in our Super Six selection of stories. We will be starting 'Curious Quests' which is the next level of Drawing Club!</p> <p><b>Science:</b> We will be identifying, naming and grouping common animals, looking at how they are structured. We will be looking at which dinosaurs were herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and what they ate. We will also be doing some investigating as paleontologists!</p> <p><b>Art:</b> We will be building on our clay skills by sculpting fossils. We will then begin a topic of drawing and painting looking at different artists and the use of line, colour and shape.</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> We will continue learning about algorithms.</p> <p><b>History:</b> We will learn about the significance of Mary Anning and her findings, and comparing her to present day paleontologist Dean Lomax. We will also look at Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landings.</p> <p><b>Music:</b> We will listen to different types of music and learn how to</p>	<p><b>English:</b> As well as RML we will be reading our Super Six stories which will include 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Funnybones!'</p> <p><b>Science:</b> We will learning about seasonal changes, and doing some research on animals using secondary sources.</p> <p><b>Art and Design Technology:</b> We will be looking carefully at different animals and doing some observational drawings. We will look at paintings of Big Cats by the artist Leonid Afremov. In DT we will be learning about food and where it comes from.</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> We will be doing a project called Rocket to the Moon and using digital drawing software. We will also learn to be kind and considerate to others when working or playing online.</p> <p><b>Geography:</b> The children will learn about weather and extreme weathers, and compare a place in the UK to a place in a non European country.</p> <p><b>Music:</b> We will be learning lots of songs and actions as part of our Year 1 Easter Performance!</p> <p><b>P.E.</b> For Indoor PE we will be looking at balancing using different parts of our bodies. For outdoor PE we will be practicing ball skills and developing</p>

<p>create a musical score and compose a simple soundtrack.</p> <p><b>P.E.</b> For Indoor PE we will be developing our skills of balance, posture, strength and agility in Gymnastics. For outdoor PE we will be practising our bat and ball skills.</p> <p><b>Jigsaw:</b> We will be thinking about our Dreams and Goals.</p> <p><b>RE:</b> We will be finding out about what Christians believe, and about what the good news was that Jesus brought.</p>	<p>partner work.</p> <p><b>Jigsaw:</b> Our topic is Healthy Me. The children will be discussing the importance of being healthy.</p> <p><b>R.E.</b> We will be looking at why Christians celebrate Easter and the importance of different Easter symbols.</p>
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**Maths** - We will continue with place value (within 20), then addition and subtraction within 20, and then move on to place value within 50, measurement (length, height, then mass and volume). We always recap on previous learning at the beginning of each lesson so that children retain their knowledge, and also practice our reasoning skills!

**Year 1 Easter Performance** –The dates of the performances are as follows:

1PW: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

1HS: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

1SI: Thursday 21st March

Details on times, parts, lines and costumes will come nearer the time.

**Theme day-** The theme day this half term will be ‘dinosaur/palaeontologist/explorer’ themed. This will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. Children may dress up if they wish but no props to be brought in please!

**PE** - It is important that your child remembers to wear their PE kit on their PE days. Last half term there were a number of children who were not equipped with a PE kit. As a reminder, for PE, your child should wear a pair of trainers ideally, incase we go outside when it is wet. Children can bring in a spare pair of shoes for outside playtimes if they choose to wear pumps on an indoor PE day, to avoid soggy feet! It is important that your child has a suitably warm outdoor PE kit (long sleeved top and trousers during the winter months). Also, please ensure all kit is labelled adequately. Please note Forest School sessions have now finished. Outdoor PE will replace it but will happen on a Thursday.

Class	INDOOR	OUTDOOR
1SI	Tuesday	Thursday

1PW	Tuesday	Thursday
1HS	Tuesday	Thursday

**Communicating with staff** - Can we remind all parents and carers to message us on Dojo with any questions or information, as we have a class of children inside once we open the door in the mornings, and it is then tricky for us to chat. **Absences must be reported to the office.** Please also be reminded that we do not often check children's book bags so if children have anything to give us, straight into our hands is best!

**Home Learning** – Please do continue to practice the weekly spellings that we have put on Spelling Shed and the homework sheet, and read daily if you can. For maths, we are continuing to use Numbots.

**Water bottles** - Please ensure your child has a **labelled** water bottle in school, which is separate from their lunch drink. These will be kept in their classroom and should only contain **water**. The children are encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day and can fill them up when required.

**Winter wear**- Please ensure your child is dressed for the elements and all items eg. hats, gloves, scarves, coats and PE kits are **clearly named**. Thank you.

The weekly homework letter will also have any reminders on, so please do check this. We also may pop any reminders on Dojo too.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to an exciting Spring term!

The Year 1 Team.