

# Curriculum Overview

Year 1  
Spring 1 2024



## Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists** we will be learning all about animals! We will think about grouping them into mammals, amphibians, fish, reptiles and birds. We will learn how to identify the things that make animals in these groups special.

As **Artists** we will be delving deep into colour this half term, looking at the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh.

As **Historians** we will be focussing on our topic 'Keeping in Touch' - sharing and examining items of communication from previous eras, such as old letters, telegrams, old telephones and old computers!

### LITERACY

In English this half term, we will be focussing on the text 'Handa's Hen'. We will be focussing on the story's repeating patterns, use of adjectives, and writing numbers as words correctly.

We are going to innovate the story by changing parts to include new animals, and then rewrite it in our own words.

We will continue to focus on using full sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

### MATHEMATICS

In maths this half term we will be focussing on:

- Understanding numbers up to 20.
- 1 more and 1 less within 20
- Using a number line to 20
- Estimating on a number line
- Comparing and ordering numbers to 20
- Doubles and near doubles
- Subtracting by counting back
- Subtracting by finding the difference

### RE

In RE this half term, we will be asking the big question:

**What do Christians believe God is like?**

### PSHE

Our topic in PSHE this year is 'Dreams and Goals.' The key themes we will explore are:

- Staying motivated with a challenge
- Keep trying even though it's difficult
- Working with a partner or group
- Having a positive attitude
- Helping others achieve a goal
- Work hard to achieve our own goals

### Computing

In computing this half term, our topic is 'Lego Builders and Maze Explorers'. We will begin to think logically about scenarios used for coding. We will then think about how logical thinking is linked to coding.

### PE

Our topics in PE this half term are:

- Dance (Unit 2)
- Gymnastics (Unit 1)

### Art

In Music we follow the Charanga music scheme. This term's focus is on introducing Tempo and Dynamics. This Unit of Work celebrates a wide range of musical styles - listening, singing, playing, composing and performing!

### Phonics

This half term in phonics we are going to finish recapping the phase 5 sounds. We will then begin learning the phase 5 alternative pronunciations. We will look at the Year 1 spelling objectives as well as prefixes and suffixes.

## Our Class Value

**Courage**

## Curriculum Enrichment

This half term will be our church service. We will be begin rehearsing for this in early January.

The service will begin 2.30pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January at St. Agnes' church. Parents are warmly welcomed to attend.

## Weekly Homework

Children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home. Please complete a few minutes of numbots each day.

Purple Mash will have weekly spellings and one Maths or English activity per week.

## Homework Project

Can you create a piece of art linked to Van Gogh? Focus on a self portrait! Think about what we have learnt in school and create something independently!