

## Year 1

Welcome back to a New year and welcome into Year 2026! I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the year ahead. I am really looking forward to all of the fun things we are going to be learning about.

### Literacy

We begin the term by looking at the book 'Gruffalo Crumble Recipes' and explore how to write our own instructions and begin to use verbs. After this, we move onto 'Traditional Tales' and we are able to retell the stories, describe characters and create our own stories. Later in the Spring term, we will focus on learning the key skills to write recounts (using past tense and description) and writing our own poems.

We have been working hard with Little Wandle phonics which will be taught daily to support our learning, please practice these sounds with your children. This includes daily reading practice sessions where the children will read in groups with an adult. Please ask if you are unsure how to support your child in phonics.

In addition to this, your child will bring home a reading book to share with an adult. Your help in supporting us by listening to your child read this book and talking about it with them on a regular basis will be invaluable. Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record come into school every day and we will change the books every Monday. We will be looking at a range of text types in class to encourage children to read words in a variety of different places. Please help your children to spot texts in various places in everyday life, such as magazine titles, shopping lists, food labels, birthday cards, menus etc. As well as, encouraging them to look at storybooks and information books, magazines and comics. Please let us know about any other reading your child is doing at home, it is always great to hear what else your child enjoys reading and feel free to send in any books which they are really enjoying and want to share with the class.

### Maths

In Maths, We will be looking at Measure ; (Length, height, mass and speed). We will become familiar with the units of measure e.g., cm, m, ml, g, kg and have opportunities to use the practical resources to measure in different contexts. This will be followed by work on addition and subtraction up to 20, where we will focus on learning the addition and subtraction strategies and how to record addition or subtraction problems using symbols. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. This includes using new vocabulary such as; curved, straight, corners, sides etc. It is a great topic to link to home learning – what shapes can you see around your home?

### Computing

We will continue to use Purplemash and the chromebooks each week. We will start Unit 1.4 which encourages children to begin to think logically about scenarios. Children will be introduced to the term 'algorithm'. This concept is at the core of coding. The next unit 1.5(Maze Explorers), builds upon this, linking logical thought processes to the way that computers are programmed.

### Foundation subjects

In Geography, we will be learning how to write reports on the weather as well as how to track and record it. We will even have a go at filming our own weather report. After half term in History we will

be looking at the great fire of London, this is the first time we are focusing on a great historical event. We are going to be finding out why it happened and what happened during this time to the people.

In Art the children will be learning all about collage inspired by artists Andy Goldsworthy. After half term we will be exploring hot and cold colours and how we can use them in our work.

### Science

Our topic in Science this term is 'Materials'. This topic allows the children to explore different materials and how they work. This includes describing materials and being able to identify which materials are needed for different purposes e.g. a chocolate tea pot isn't a good idea! We will be carrying out lots of different experiments including how to keep teddy dry in the rain.

### PE

PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays . Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on these days. This needs to be weather appropriate and with comfortable trainers that can be worn inside and out. Mrs Bolt will be taking the children for PE on Fridays and our professional coach will take the children for PE on Wednesdays. The children will be taught a range of skills and techniques, with a focus on Dance and Fundamental ball skills.

### Homework

During this first half term, the children's homework will be daily reading of their school reading books and to complete the homework grid linked to the topics from throughout this term. Any evidence you collect from these tasks, as well as the grid, can be given in before the end of the half term. Evidence of this can include, work produced, photographs or explanations alongside the task. Please date and tick the task when it has been completed.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please feel free to come to make an appointment with the office.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Mrs Hennell (Mon – Wed)

Mrs Bolt (Wed – Fri)

Miss Dickinson, Ms Yeo, Ms Yelogru, Miss Hurst