



# KS1 Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back, refreshed and happy in this lovely sunshine. We are now once again a full team as we welcome our new Key Stage Leader Mrs Partner, who is teaching 1MS, now 1DP.

We're very excited to be back for a new term of learning. We ask that children continue to bring in their reading books each day and return their homework by Friday each week. In this lovely hot weather please ensure children have water bottles and sun hats and sun screen is applied at home each morning and sent in to be reapplied at lunch if needed. Please ensure **ALL** clothing and bottles are named.

We have an exciting term ahead with our Yew Tree Trail trip on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May; National Phonics Screening tests from 9<sup>th</sup> June; Sports days are on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon, Transition/Meet the new teacher day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and a Summer Teddy Bear's picnic which you are all invited to on \_\_\_\_\_. Check Weduc regularly this term for updates and reminders!

Kind regards

Mrs Partner, Mrs Smith and Mrs Couch and all the Year 1 Team

### PE & Games

Children will have PE lessons on the following days:

**Wednesday – Indoor or Outdoor PE with class teacher**

**Friday – Indoor or Outdoor PE with Mr Sands**

**PE kit should be worn to school on these days.**

(Children will stay in this kit all day and will NOT need to bring their uniform to change into)

Indoor kit – black plimsolls, **plain** black shorts, and house coloured t shirt/white t-shirt

Outdoor kit – **plain** black sweatshirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings (shorts can be worn in the warmer weather) and trainers.

Please ensure hair is tied back on PE days and earrings are either removed or covered with tape.

Children should not be wearing patterned and designer labelled jumpers/hoodies. As per our uniform policy: **No motifs/logos are permitted. All PE kit should be plain in design.**

## Year I Summer Curriculum

Subject	Summer 1	Summer 2
Science	We are Scientists	We are Scientists
History	What is an explorer?	-
Geography	-	How is the seaside different to Coalville?
Art	Who is James Rizz? 3D models	-
DT	-	Cooking and nutrition Healthy fruit lollies
RE	Christians	Caring for our world
PE	Real PE - Physical	Real PE-Fitness
Computing	We are rhythmic	We are detectives
Music	Technology, structure and form	20 <sup>th</sup> Century music
Life Learning	Money matters	Aiming high

## English (Year I)

This term we will be watching parts of a short film called 'Song of the sea' which is based on an Irish Myth where a girl discovers a magical coat turning her into a seal where she finds her true identity. The children will be learning how to use conjunctions to join their ideas and use punctuation correctly. We will be looking at using powerful adjectives to describe and even look at applying adverbs into our work. During this term we will be focusing on forming our letters correctly and positioning them on the line. For our non-fiction writing this term we will be recapping on toys from the past to write a fact file with interesting information sentences.

## Maths (Year 1)

In Maths we use concrete materials such as Numicon, Counters, Base 10 and 10s frames to build our understanding, then we move on to using pictures to help us to see the maths and then we write and record and use calculations.

We work in Kind Coach pairs to talk about the maths and think and talk about how we can solve problems.

**This term we are focusing on:**

Number and Place Value to 50 then 100 - understanding and representing numbers up to 100

Multiplication - recognising equal groups and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10

Money- Understanding what each coin and notes represents. Comparing and ordering coins and notes.

Fractions - Recognising a half and a quarter and finding a half and a quarter

Time - Learning to tell what hour it is and what half hour it is

## Year 1 Science

### We are Scientists

The children will learn about 4 famous Scientists: George Mackintosh, who invented the raincoat; Edith Clarke, who invented a calculator; Martin Cooper, who invented the mobile phone for Motorola and Christine Darden, who helped design NASA space rockets.

Inspired by these scientists, children will use simple equipment to test if materials are waterproof, make a beaker phone, create a play dough working calculator and make rocket fuel! Look out for photos on Weduc for updates.



Christine Darden

Martin Cooper

## DT – Cooking and nutrition, making fruit lollies

Children will explore good nutrition - what is healthy food and choose which fruit that they would like so they can make their own fruit lolly. Children will learn about good hygiene whilst prepping and cooking the fruit lolly. All their work will be recorded in a specially designed DT booklet and they can tell you what their fruit lolly tasted like!

## **History - How have explorers changed the world?**

The children will be learning about different past and present explorers who have had an impact on today's discoveries. They will be writing interesting information about Dame Ellen MacArthur, Matthew Henson and Christopher Columbus - who they were/are, where they explored and how they explored.

## **Geography - How is Coalville different to the seaside?**

After half term, the children will be investigation how Coalville is different the seaside, looking at where seaside towns are on the map and identifying some seaside towns. The children will be carrying out a survey to other children in the school as to what seaside town is the most popular destination to travel to. The children will also experience in school 'a seaside afternoon'. More information will follow after the half term.

## **Art - Who is James Rizz?**

In art this term, we will be learning about the artist James Rizz, who is an American artist famous for his cartoon style skyscrapers. The children will be taking inspiration of his artwork to complete a final art piece in his 'cartoon' style.

## Home Learning

- **Maths homework** will be **Numbots or Times Tables Rockstars**. Children in Year 1 are encouraged to work on being able to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and their log in for Numbots will also work on Times Tables Rockstars. <https://ttrockstars.com/>
- **Reading** - We expect that the children read at least 4 times a week at home. The more your child reads the better as we aim to increase children's fluency and expression in reading this year.
- **Phonics Home Learning** - will help your child to apply their phonics learning and spelling rules to read and spell new words. Each sheet links to the learning your child is doing in school. Please try to support with these. They focus on phonemes for reading and graphemes for spelling and common exception words that Year 1 need to learn.

We enjoy playing games using this website: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> There are many games that help revise graphemes in phonics and mental maths skills. Have fun!

## Our relationship with you

Should you have any queries relating to your child, homework, or school, please do not hesitate to contact us via the home contact book, school office or Weduc. We will take every opportunity to speak with you as soon as possible - Please note though that we will be unable to reply to any messages sent at the weekend until Monday. Messages sent in the evening may not get seen until the next day. School Policy states that we will reply within 24 hours in the week. If it is important and you need to speak to us, please contact the office or speak to the teacher standing outside Year 1 if you are dropping your child off. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

The children have really grown in maturity and independence and have continued to make pleasing progress in the Spring term. We look forward to in the next term learning together. We will be sending home Parent Reports this term to give detailed information about your child's progress and achievement in Year 1

The children have enjoyed achieving their house point certificates this year. They are working hard to follow our 'ready, respectful, safe' rules to achieve house points for their individual total and as part of their house team. We will continue to send House Point Certificates home and to choose each week a child to be rewarded in the Hugglescote Hall of Fame.

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