



KS1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for all the lovely gifts, cards and kind words at the end of the Autumn term.

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.

We seem to be accumulating a large amount of lost property. This includes a number of unnamed items of clothing. Please ensure **ALL** clothing is named.

Children seem to have settled back in well and we are welcoming this term Mrs Kirkwood to our team.

Best Wishes

Mrs Smith and Mrs Couch and the Year 1 Team

PE & Games

Children will have PE lessons on the following days:

Wednesday - Indoor 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.

Can we please also remind you that outdoor PE kit jumpers should be a plain black/navy, hoodie/jumper or a plain coloured jumper/hoodie of your child's house (red, yellow, green or blue). 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 Curriculum

Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
Science	Animals	Why is it important to care for our planet?
History	What can we learn from toys from the past?	-
Geography	-	What's the weather like in Coalville?
Art	How can we make new colours? George Seurat	-
DT	-	Mechanisms - Levers and sliders - Moving pictures
RE	Judaism	Judaism
PE	Real PE - Dance Send and return 1	Real PE- Gymnastics Send and return 2
Computing	We are digital artists	We are publishers
Music	Rhythm	Pitch
Life Learning	Britian - community	Be yourself

English (Year I and Year 2)

This term we will be reading the story 'Wombat goes Walkabout' by Michael Morporgo. This is a story set in Australia about a wombat who goes on a journey and discovers that he is special and brave. 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 cursive letters correctly and positioning them on the line. We will be reading and sharing stories by Anthony Browne too. For our non-fiction writing this term we will be learning about the Seasons in science and writing 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 20 then 50 - understanding and representing numbers up to 50
Addition and Subtraction to 20 and then 50 - including understanding parts and wholes and how to write calculations and problem solve.

Length- Understanding what longer, taller, smaller and shorter mean. Comparing objects and using cubes to measure and beginning to use standard units such as cm.

Counting - Counting forward and back in steps of 1 and 10 from any number up to 100

Counting in steps - counting in 2s and 5s and 10s from 0

Year 1 Science

Animals The children will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

The children will have the opportunity to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Why is it important to care for our planet?

Children think about our planet and why it is important to care for it. They explore their role in looking after the planet to create a sustainable future for themselves and future generations. This will enable them to think about the positive impact they can have on the planet, both locally and in the wider world. For some children, this could be the first time they have really thought about their actions and the potential consequences that could occur.

DT – Mechanisms – Levers and sliders – Moving pictures

Children will explore and evaluate products with moving parts, such as books. They will take part in focused practical tasks to learn how to make levers and sliders. They will then design and make a moving picture. All their work will be recorded in a specially designed DT booklet and they will bring their final product home to share with you.

History – What can we learn from toys from the past?

In this half term we will be learning about

changes within living memory by exploring toys from today. To understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past by identifying different sources.

To identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods by comparing similar toys from different periods.

To learn about the Palitoy toy factory, which was located in Coalville. **(Local History.)**

Geography – What's the weather like in Coalville?

After half term, we will learn about the different types of weather in their immediate environment and build on their knowledge of the four seasons. We will introduce the children to hot and cold areas of the world and the impact of different weather types. Children will have opportunities to observe and record the weather, present their own weather forecasts and make valuable links with Science and Computing.

Art - How can we make new colours?

In art this term, we will be learning about the artist George Seurat. We will be learning how to mix colours; learning the primary and secondary colours. We will be learning the art technique of 'pointillism'. Using dots to create a landscape picture. We will also be creating a boggart sculpture using clay and natural materials. We look forward to sharing our art work with you.

Home Learning

- Maths homework will continue to be **Numbots** online stories and games that work on subitising, basic addition and subtraction and multiplication. Children in year 1 are encouraged to work on being able to count in 2's, 5's and 10's as well.
- 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. These will be collected in each week on **THURSDAY**. The homework is looked at by the teacher but may not be marked/stamped.

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 during the Autumn term and we are very proud of their achievements so far. We look forward to the next term learning together. There will be a Parent's evening this term. Dates to be shared soon.

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.

Mrs Smith , Mrs Couch and all the Year 1 Team

