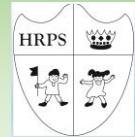


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Monday 5th January 2026

KS1 – Year 1 - Spring 1 - Curriculum Map

Overview of topics: 'Inventors', 'Explorers' and 'Significant Individuals'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on the first half term of Spring Term in Year 1, we would like to share with you the key topics and themes that your children will be exploring over the coming weeks.

In Maths, Year 1 will be continuing to work on developing our number bond skills. We will begin looking at bigger numbers; up to 20 and investigating the way these are made up of tens and ones. We will then move on to use our arithmetic skills to solve calculations using addition and subtraction (also with bigger numbers; within 20) and apply this knowledge to a range of word problems.

In English, we will be writing to entertain and inform. When writing to entertain we will take inspiration from the books Stanley's Stick, Ravi's Roar and Ruby's Worry. We will be learning about the features of Poetry and reading Oi Frog!

In Science, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of seasons and seasonal changes. We will also be using our previous knowledge to classify animals in a variety of ways. By the end of the term, we will be able to describe weather associated with the seasons and how animals can be classified based on a range of criteria.

In History, we will be looking at significant individuals. The main focus will be individuals who were involved in exploration including Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake, Christopher Columbus & Amelia Earhart. We will compare aspects of their lives across different time periods.

In Computing, we will begin to look at digital writing. We will use word processors such as Microsoft Word and Google Docs. By the end of the term, we will be confident in accessing the Chromebooks and using a variety of tools independently.

In Art, we will be looking at the work of Eric Carle. We shall be using our sketching, painting and collage skills to develop and share our ideas creatively. By the end of the term, we will be confident in using a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape and space.

In our PSHE sessions we will be using the Jigsaw scheme of work to discuss our 'Dreams and Goals'.

In our RE lessons, we will be looking at inspirational people, such as Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad.

In Music, we will learn about 'I Wanna Play In A Band' by Joanna Mangona which is a Rock song for children. In this song Year 1 will learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic Rock songs.

In PE, Year 1 will learn ball skills focusing on using our feet. We will be exploring moving our bodies in different ways through gymnastics. We will learn and practice new vocabulary such as Wide, Narrow, Curled. Our PE days are on Thursday and Friday. Children should come to school in their PE clothes.

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Home learning

- Spelling tests are on a Thursday with new spellings set each Friday.
- Reading records are checked every Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch either on the door or via class dojo.

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