

English

Our next rich text is **The Lion Inside** by Rachel Bright. It is a beautiful story that follows the journey of a shy young mouse who wants to find his inner lion! The children will continue to learn the importance of sentence structure, thinking about the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They will also begin to use ‘and’ to join clauses as well as words.



Phonics

We will continue using Monster Phonics help us to segment and blend words when we are reading.  
We are also looking at some different common exception and high frequency words.

Understanding Science and Technology

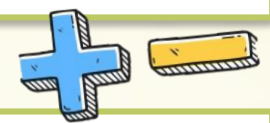
**Science:** We begin the term by exploring seasonal changes in Winter and how these may affect the growth of different plants. We will then focus on animals. We will learn how to classify and group animals based on their features.

**DT:** This half term, we will be completing a ‘Paper Project’. Inspired by the story *Dear Zoo*, the children will create their own moving pictures using simple slider or lever mechanisms. The children will also learn the importance of evaluating their own products.

**Computing:** This half term, our project is ‘Digital Painting’. We will be working with the programme ‘Paint’ to create our own digital self-portraits!

Maths

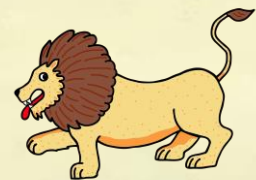
We will deepen our understanding of numbers to 20 by counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers. We will explore tens and ones, compare numbers using mathematical language, find one more and one less, and begin simple addition and subtraction using practical equipment and visual models.



Understanding Health and Wellbeing

**PE:** During our PE lessons, we will be practising our ‘Ball Skills’ this half term, focusing on throwing, catching and dribbling with our hands and feet.

**PSHE:** Children will learn about responsibilities, how these change as they grow, how to help others, stay safe, prevent accidents, and recognise responsible and irresponsible behaviour.



Understanding the World:

**RE:** Our topic this half term is ‘Naming Ceremonies’. The children will learn the importance of these within Christianity and Hinduism. We will learn to draw comparisons between the two whilst explaining the different symbols reflected in each.

**Geography:** Our next project is ‘Map Skills’. We will use atlases, globes and maps to identify the seven continents before moving on to creating our own maps of the school. We will make our own keys to accompany them.

Understanding Art and Culture:

**Art:** We will learn about the artist Henri Matisse and explore his work. They will create their own collage, experimenting with cutting, shapes and colour to express ideas creatively.



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**Year 1**  
**Spring Term 1 2026**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. We are very much looking forward to the exciting half term ahead.

Please find overleaf details outlining what we will be covering in Year One over the next half term.

We encourage you to read with your child daily at home. Reading together has a significant impact on their fluency, confidence and comprehension. It is also important in supporting your child in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in June. Please ensure reading records are in book bags every day.

Children will continue to need their PE kits in school every day, including navy jogging trousers. Please also ensure that your child has suitable outdoor shoes for playtimes.

We kindly ask that you check your child's clothing to ensure all items are clearly named, including PE kits. Pen can fade during washes and labels may fall off.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Coleman, Miss Denman and Miss Petrie

