YEAR 1 CURRICULUM NEWS
AUTUMN TERM 1 2026

English - During Autumn 1, Drawing Club provides an engaging and creative approach to developing early literacy skills in Year 1. Through high-quality texts, imaginative storytelling and drawing activities, we will develop our vocabulary, comprehension and sentence-writing skills while fostering a love of reading and writing. The sessions promote creativity, communication and confidence as we listen to stories, draw our ideas and create simple written responses. We will be continuing to learn phonics through the Read, Write Inc Scheme and we will be using other books to support our reading, speaking and listening.

Maths - As mathematicians, we will begin this term with a unit on place value. We will start by sorting and counting objects and begin to recognise numbers as words. We will look at counting on and counting backwards within 10, and then we will compare groups by matching. We will look at what fewer than, more than, the same as mean before moving on to using the language of greater than, less than and equal to. Finally, we will compare and order numbers using the number line.

Science – As scientists, we will be looking at seasonal changes. We will learn how to observe changes across the 4 seasons, observe and describe weather associated with each season and how day length varies.

RE – As contemplators (RE), we will be asking Who made the World? We will be thinking about what we already know about the World and what we have created. We will then read the story of Genesis 1 and learn that Christians and Jewish people believe that God created the World. We will end the unit by learning to appreciate God's Creation and think of ways to look after it.

History – As historians, we will be looking at how we are making history. We will be creating our own timelines and beginning to use the correct terminology to compare the past, present and possible changes in the future. We will be able to identify similarities and differences between childhood now and in the past.

Art and Design – As artists we will be learning about primary and secondary colours, discovering colour mixing techniques, and applying these skills in painting and printing. We will explore and become confident in colour use and create our own piece of work using the skills and techniques we have learned.

PE – As sports Stars (PE) we will be learning about tagging and dodging, with a focus on spatial awareness, tagging and dodging, and we will then apply these to fun tagging games. We will also be exploring movements, such as climbing, balance and moving with confidence.

PSHE – As thinkers we will be looking at citizenship. We will understand how care, respect and rules help people, animals and places feel safe and supported. We will be looking at the role that we each play as individuals in our communities.

Computing – As computer scientists, we will continue to look at improving our mouse skills, refining our logging in skills. We will understand that a computer and mouse can be used to click, drag, fill, select, add backgrounds, texts, layers, shapes and clipart.

Musicians – As musicians we will explore keeping the pulse together through music and movement, by exploring our favourite things. We will be learning how to keep a steady pulse and we will be taking part in music and movement activities inspired by our favourite things.