



Wood End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 | Spring Term 1 | 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a safe and restful break and are ready for the new challenges that this term will have to offer.

It has been great seeing the children return in the new year, ready for more learning. The children in year 1 have been super busy this week learning about poetry! Please remember to read with your child every night, and to complete their weekly homework. Both of these activities really help to consolidate the learning that your child is taking part in in school each day. Thank you again for your support so far this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk speak to your class teacher.

Many thanks,
Year 1!

Themed days

We will be celebrating and discussing the following:

- Chinese New Year 2025
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Valentines day

Trips

We are planning a trip to a local Mosque as part of our RE topic!

We develop ourselves in many different ways – as scientists, geographers, historians, artists and technologists to name a few!

Below is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic.

English:

As writers, we will be using our five senses to create poetry this term. The text we will be focusing on introducing the days of the week and sequences.

The key concepts we are developing this term include the following:

- Using our phonics skills to sound out and create expanded noun phrases and sentences.
- Using our imaginations to extend our writing.
- Using the correct punctuation in our writing - continuing to practise using capital letters at the beginning of sentences and full stops.



Mathematics:

- In mathematics this spring term we will be working with numbers to 20.
- Read, write and interpret number sentences using the addition (+) subtraction (-) and equals (=).
- Identifying one more and one less past up to 20. E.g. 17 is one less than 18.
- Comparing number sentences with addition and subtraction using the < > and = sign. E.g. $11+3 > 10-4$.
- Identifying tens and ones within a number. E.g. 32 has 3 tens and 2 ones.
- Using number bonds to 20 and related facts to solve problems. E.g. $19+1=20$ and $20=19+1$
- Use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods of maths to solve one step problems. E.g. Using numicon to determine $20 = _ + 11$

Computing:

We will be using our Purple Mash programme to show our understanding of direction using different algorithms.

We will be developing our knowledge of algorithms and how they are used.

We will be learning how to debug algorithms and will be creating our own.

Religious Education:

This term in RE we will be learning about Islam and what Muslims believe.

Geography

- This term in Geography we will be developing as geographers by expanding our knowledge of the UK.
- We will be identifying the flags of each country within the UK.
- We will be learning to spot the different landmarks associated with each country and why they are important to that country.

Science- Seasons and Weather.

- We will be identifying the different seasons of the year and studying their different properties.
- As scientists in year 1 we will be learning about weather forecasts and will be recording our own.
- We will be creating own tools this term to record the weather in our local area.

See knowledge organiser for more detail.

Reading:

We will be developing reading with expression and being able to answer questions about the text.

IMPORTANT! Reading Records should be signed and brought to school on your child's designated day- See Year 1 door for the list.

PSHE -Living in the wider world.

- This term we will be touching on Internet safety and how to keep safe online.
- We will be learning the difference between a want and a need and sharing ideas with the class.
- We will be discussing who we can talk to if we are feeling worried or scared and why this is important.
- We will identify the needs of the wider community and how we can help and support those around us.

Physical Education:

- We will be developing our balancing skills, both static and dynamic.
- We will be focusing on balancing on the line, in a still position. Then balancing whilst moving on the line.

Music

- In music we will be listening to various styles of music and analysing them. These include, blues, latin, folk and funk.
- We will be learning a song, adding instruments to it and then exploring improvising by using our voices.

Quizzes to help your child remember previous learning.

Please don't forget to use the curriculum quizzes available on our website. Help your child to commit important knowledge to long term memory by using our new 'low stakes' multiple choice quizzes on the website. Click the link below and work through the quizzes with your child to help them retain the key knowledge and concepts from their previous term's units.

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