



Wood End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 | Spring Term 2 | 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support settling in the children this term. It has been wonderful seeing all the children back in school. Our start in Spring 1 taught us about animals groups and the countries of the UK as well as learning poetry. We look forward to seeing what the second half of Spring brings.

Please have a look at the subject quizzes on our website to find more information about the key knowledge we are learning through our science and foundation subjects.

Please remember to continue to complete the weekly homework tasks on Google Classrooms. They are posted every Friday and due in the following Wednesday. A reminder that all pieces of clothing (such as jumpers) should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Themed days

We will be celebrating and discussing the following:

- World Book Day
- Easter
- Mother's Day
- Comic Relief

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 imitating, innovating and inventing explanation texts this term. The children will be exploring explanation texts and their different structures.

- We will be continuing to focus on nouns, verbs and expanded noun phrases.
- The children will be introduced to variety of conjunctions and adverbs this term.
- Using our phonics skills to sound out and write extended sentences.
- Practising using correct punctuation – using capital letters at the beginning of sentences and full stops at end.

Reading:

We will be continuing to develop our comprehension skills, particularly focussing on developing our vocabulary and being able to answer inference based questions.

IMPORTANT! Reading Records should be signed and brought to school every week. Signed daily.

Mathematics:

- We will continue working with numbers within 50.
- We will be learning to count in **2s** and **5s**.
- We will be looking at length and height and using the terms **short/shorter/shortest** as well as **long/longer/longest**.
- We will be learning different ways to measure and record length and height, including accurately using a ruler.
- We will be comparing and ordering different lengths and heights.
- We will be looking at weight and volume and using the terms **light/lighter/lightest** and **heavy/heavier/heaviest**.
- We will be learning about capacity and using the terms **empty, nearly empty, half full, nearly full and full**.
- We will be comparing and ordering different weights and capacities.

Computing:

- We will be learning what an e-book is and how to create our own.
- We will learn how to add animation to a story.
- We will learn how to compose our own music and record our own voices to add sound to our stories.

See knowledge organiser for more information.

History:

- To develop ourselves as historians, we will be learning about kings and queens of the U.K.
- We will be looking at some of the significant leaders of the monarchy from the past.

See Knowledge organiser for more detail.

Religious Education:

We will be learning about prayer and its importance within different religions. We will also have a visitor from a mosque as part of our Spring topic on Islam.

Science:

- We will be learning about different ways that we can take care of the earth, such as recycling.
- We will also be learning about pollution and the effect it has on the environment.
- We will also look at plants and their features, as well as growing our own plants

See knowledge organiser for more detail.

Art and Music

In Art..

- we will be looking at various styles, including pointillism and realism.
- We will be learning recreating some famous art pieces such as Van Gogh's Starry Night as well as exploring different brush techniques.

In music..

- we will be listening to various types of music this half term including big band jazz, latin infusion and film music.
- We will be learning a song, adding instruments to it and then explore improvising using our voices and instruments.

Living in the wider world

- We will be looking at different scenarios of when you should call for help and how to call emergency services.
- We will identify the difference between good and bad secrets and who to speak to.
- We will be discussing how to keep safe in our homes.

Physical Education:

We will be focussing on developing our coordination and ball skills.

Useful websites to support learning in this topic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/>