



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1 and 2 – Summer 1 - 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer 1! We would like to share our curriculum overview with you about all the great learning that we have coming up this half term. We look forward to visiting St Paul's Cathedral for our topic on 'The Great Fire of London'.

Please note:

- PE day will be **Wednesday** so please ensure you have your full PE kit in on these days including trainers. Please ensure your child has their trainers with them every day in preparation for the daily mile.
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings. Spelling tests are on a **Wednesday**. They are also expected to be reading daily; please comment in the reading records regularly so that we can see how they're getting on at home.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, pupils will read *Fantastic Mr Fox* and use this book to write wanted posters, newspaper reports and recounts in the form of diary entries. They will work on the use of co-ordination and subordination in sentences, as well as past tense. For our core texts, as a class we will also be reading 'Walking through the Jungle', 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

In History, pupils will be learning about the Great Fire of London, an important event from 1666 that changed the city forever. Pupils will also look at historical evidence, such as eye-witness accounts, to understand how we know what happened, and they will learn about Samuel Pepys, who recorded the events in his famous diary.

In P.E, pupils will be improving their techniques and applying these skills in competitive situations. They will also be putting their Netball skills into action as they prepare for the upcoming tournament.

In Ivrit, pupils will be reading, writing and speaking about things in the home. Pupils will listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.

In Science, pupils will be learning about Charles Darwin, a famous scientist who loved exploring nature and discovering new plants and animals. They will be identifying and labelling parts of a plant and exploring the life cycle of a plant.

In Maths, pupils will be focusing on multiplication and division using the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will also explore a range of measurement topics, including money, length and mass, through practical activities, problem-solving tasks and verbal reasoning.

Our Topic this half term is
'The Great Fire of London'

In Art, pupils will be exploring collage techniques to create their own textured and colourful artwork. They will experiment with different materials such as paper, fabric, card and natural objects, learning how to cut, layer and arrange shapes to build interesting designs.

In Jewish Studies, we will be focusing on Lag Ba'Omer and Shavuot. We will also celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day).

In Computing, this half term pupils will be learning how to sort and organise information using a branching database.

In Music, pupils will be learning how to distinguish between higher and lower sounds and will be creating simple melodic patterns.

In RSE/PSHCE, pupils will be learning about the themes of growing and changing, exploring how humans develop at different stages of life. They will also learn about personal safety, healthy relationships and how to express their feelings with confidence. As part of our RSE curriculum, pupils will be introduced to key aspects of Sikhism, including the values of kindness, equality and community. This will help them to appreciate and respect different beliefs and cultures.