



Curriculum Newsletter for year 1 and 2 Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is every Monday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework- will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

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

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In Literacy, we will be writing simple sentences using ideas from our favourite books, This term will be reading ‘Lost and Found’, as well as the ‘Tadpoles Promise’ We will also be learning to use connectives and adjectives to make our writing interesting. We will be developing our use of adjectives, using a range of punctuation and looking at noun phrases.

In Numeracy, our key skills focus will be number and place value. We will be using a range of concrete manipulatives to represent number in different formats. We will also work on developing our number fluency, counting backwards and forwards.

In Jewish Studies, we will be focussing on the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur as well as developing our Hebrew Reading skills.

In Ivrit, we will Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding To find patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes’.

In Humanities, our focus is on history. We will be learning changes within living memory and look at significant events beyond our living memory- ‘Rosa Parks and Emily Davidson’.

For our ‘Climate and Action’ agenda, we will be visiting the local nature areas and using Hackney as an inspiration to re-create at Simon Marks. For example, planting plants and fruits in our playground area.

In PE we will be playing ball games and learning and developing throwing, catching, rolling and kicking skills to play games.

RE we will be learning about what religion is and identifying places of worship,

In PSHCE we will be discussing pupils responsibilities and developing pupils knowledge of their own rights.

In verbal reasoning, we will use words to understand ideas, think critically and solve problems. In non-verbal reasoning, we will solve problems using images, shapes and patterns instead of words.

Our Science work will be on the human body as well as animals. We will learning about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). We will also explore the life cycle of different animals and describe the importance of human exercise.

In ICT we will be identifying e-safety rules and understanding how to code Beebots – using a sequence of instructions to follow/create and debug.