



# Class 1S

Spring 1 2025



Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful Christmas break and the children are eager to return as we have an exciting half term planned for them. We are busy planning a school science trip and more details will be following in the next few weeks. The children did a brilliant job at retelling their own versions of Supertato last half term and we hope to continue building on their writing skills with our new unit on the Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson. We will be completing lots of fun experiments in Science on materials and active map reading in Geography. Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. The children have two adult-led guided reading sessions per week. However, to help maintain their skills and develop confidence, they would really benefit from having the opportunity of reading at home at least 3 times a week. Please can children ensure that they bring their own water bottles to school every day. Thank you for your support and help with your child's learning at home.

## What are we learning about?

English	Maths
<p>This half term our English work will be based on the Julia Donaldson well known tale of 'The Highway Rat.' We will be writing our own food poems, finding out information about rats in order to write our own information poster and write a narrative based on the 'The Highway Rat.'</p> <p>Our grammar focus will be to make singular nouns plural using 's' and 'es'. To extend sentences using the conjunctions 'and', 'but' and 'or'</p>	<p>In maths this half term we will be learning :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time- Months of the year and durations</li><li>• Place Value – adding/subtracting 10 to a number and numberlines.</li><li>• Measurement – mass in grams</li><li>• Geometry – 2d and 3d shapes</li><li>• Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and money</li><li>• Multiplication – doubling numbers to 10.</li></ul>
Science	Geography
<p><b>Unit:</b> Everyday Materials</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> Which material would be best?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through</p>	<p><b>Unit:</b> Countries of the United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> The UK, what kind of place is it?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Seas, Ocean, beach, cliff, coast, capital, continent (Europe) London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast, English Channel, North Sea, Irish Sea, North Atlantic Ocean, Human features, Physical features. Coast, River, North, East, South, West.</p>

Computing	Art
<p><b>Unit:</b> E-Safety</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> How I can stay safe online?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> online relationships, E-safety, privacy, private, communicate, communications, trusted adult, technology, search engine, permission, voice activated searching.</p>	<p><b>Unit:</b> Painting – Portraits - Picasso</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> How does Pablo Picasso use shape and colour to create his portraits?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> portrait, frontal view, profile view, primary colours, secondary colours, features of the face, abstract, enlarge, exaggerated, hue</p>
Religious Education	Physical Education
<p><b>Unit:</b> Islam</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> How might beliefs about creation affect how people treat the world?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Islam, Muslim, Qur'an, Muhammad (pbuh), Mosque</p>	<p><b>Unit:</b> Fundamental Movement Skills – Catching and Bouncing a Ball.</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> How do you catch and bounce a ball accurately?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Determination, self-belief, cooperation, underarm, target, gallop, accuracy, focus, outwit, power, opponent, travelling, tagging, bounce.</p>
PSHE	
<p><b>Unit:</b> Living in the wider world</p> <p><b>Big Question:</b> What can we do with money?</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Money, obtained, borrowed, spending, saving</p>	
Homework	
<p>Children are expected to read their home reading book at least 3x a week to an adult. Their reading record needs signing by an adult and you are welcome to leave any additional comments on your child's progress. Reading books need returning to school every day please. Alternate Maths and English homework will be sent home every Friday and needs returning by Wednesday. Children will receive 5 Dojo points as a reward for completing their homework tasks and 5 Dojo points for reading at home. Children who read three or more times a week at home will also receive a raffle ticket to be in the prize draw at the end of every half term.</p>	

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