Castle Primary School
Aim High

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2026

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Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you had a lovely half term break. This term we will be learning all about the world around us in our topic 'Out and About'. Below is an overview of what we will be learning across the curriculum.



P4C

We will explore different concepts and ideas, encouraging us to think critically, creatively, collaboratively and caringly.



English

We will start by looking at the story of 'Beegu'. We will explore the key themes in the story and look at the events from different character's points of view. We will begin to learn about different forms of writing such as letter writing. As we approach Christmas we will look at the story of 'Little Robin Red Vest' and the Nativity Story.



Maths

We will deepen our understanding of addition and subtraction within 10. We will learn to record our ideas pictorially and with numbers. We will learn our number bonds to 10. We will then explore 2D and 3D shapes.



PE – Outdoor and Indoor

We will be developing our dance and movement skills through the theme of Space. We will be doing indoor athletics.



Our Topic: Out and About



Computing

We will be developing our own series of commands that we can then use with programmable toys.



PSHE

We will explore different emotions and whether we always feel the same way as each other. We will then look at this in the context of friendships and how we can understand each other more.



Geography

We will be exploring our school grounds and its different human and physical features. We will locate our school and the UK on a variety of maps. We will also consider weather and seasonal change.



Science

We will be discussing changes in weather, light and seasons using our school grounds to observe the



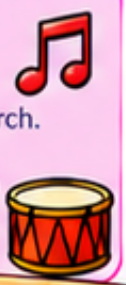
RE

We will be thinking about the concept of journeys and considering how our different journeys can provoke different feelings. We will then consider the different journeys of people within the Nativity story.



Music

We will compose music to create a march using percussion and describe the features of a march. We will experiment with sounds (timbre) to create some aquarium inspired music and draw sounds using graphic symbols.



DT

We will begin our learning by looking at a variety of levers and sliding mechanisms. We will then use these to develop our own Christmas cards, which will a moving part.



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How you can help your child at home...

Small steps make a big difference!

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How to be a reader and writer...

- Read regularly with your child focusing on decoding, fluency, expression and meaning.
- Use the Sora app to access a wide range of e-books and audiobooks. This is a fantastic way to enjoy reading together at home.
- Continue to use the Little Wandle home learning sheets to help them to secure the graphemes and words that they have been learning.
- Practise tricky words in fun ways (e.g. making them on the fridge with magnetic letters, chalks outside or using Lego).
- Share stories and non-fiction books together at home.
- Encourage your child to expand their use of adjectives when they are describing things.
- Encourage them to write sentences using their phonic knowledge and to check they have finger spaces and a full stop.



How to be a mathematician...

- Use real objects to practise addition and subtraction within 10.
- Play games to help your child to secure all of their number bonds to 10.
- Count forwards and backwards from different numbers.
- Look for and name 2D and 3D shapes in the environment as you walk to school or at home.



How to be a geographer ...

Have a go at the following:



- Keeping a weather diary including your own symbols.
- Looking at maps and globes (including online e.g. Google Earth) and locate the countries and capitals in the UK.
- Going on an autumn walk and collect signs of seasonal changes to create a collage picture.
- Comparing different places you visit e.g. parks, cities, farms, forests, beaches and shopping.



