



Year 1
Autumn Term 1
September - October 2025

Science

Our Science topic is *Evolution and Inheritance*. Pupils will learn about how living things have changed over time, considering how fossils provide evidence of these changes. They will explore the concept of adaptation, understanding how characteristics can help animals and plants survive in particular environments.

Art

This term's Art unit is focused on *Drawing Architecture*, inspired by the work of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. Children will develop observational drawing techniques, paying attention to detail, perspective and proportion. They will learn to appreciate how architecture combines functionality and beauty, while creating their own architectural sketches.

Mathematics

In Maths, children will begin by deepening their understanding of number and place value, working confidently with numbers up to 10,000,000. They will then move on to secure their skills in the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—before applying these to problem-solving contexts.

Computing

The children will be learning the key features of a computer and how to use them. We will look at how technology is used and locate examples of technology in the classroom. The children will investigate how technology examples help us in our everyday lives.

Music

In Music, children will be learning the lively jazz piece *Hey, Mr Miller*. They will explore rhythm, melody and harmony while developing their singing and performance skills.

P.S.H.E.

Through our *My Happy Mind* programme, children will begin with the unit *Meet Your Brain*. They will learn about how the brain works, understanding the role it plays in thoughts, feelings and behaviour. This will help pupils develop strategies for resilience, wellbeing and positive mental health, laying the foundations for confident and mindful learning.

English

This term, Year 6 will dive into *Holes* by Louis Sachar, exploring themes of friendship, justice and resilience. Through this text, children will develop their creative writing skills by producing flashback narratives, diary entries and character descriptions. Alongside writing, pupils will refine their grammar and spelling, focusing on advanced punctuation such as colons and semi-colons, as well as extending vocabulary choices to suit both formal and informal contexts.

Geography

Our Geography work this term is centred on *Fieldwork in the Local Area*. Children will investigate how land is currently used in the school's immediate surroundings and consider how it might change in the future. They will use maps, surveys and observational fieldwork to gather information, and then present their findings, developing both their geographical knowledge and enquiry skills.

Religious Education

Our RE topic is *Loving: God who never stops loving*. Children will reflect on the unconditional love of God and how this is revealed through scripture and the teachings of the Church. They will explore what love means in their own lives and how they can show it through their actions, building links between faith and daily living.

Physical Education

This half-term in PE, Year 6 will focus on *Invasion Games*. Children will develop fundamental attacking and defending strategies, applying them in small-sided games. Teamwork, communication and tactical awareness will be key skills, alongside refining movement, agility and coordination.

Homework

Homework in Year 6 will focus on supporting the key skills needed for success. Each week, children are expected to read regularly at home, both from their chosen reading book and through Reading Plus online. They will also practise arithmetic to strengthen their fluency with number facts and written methods, alongside learning weekly spellings. In addition, our homework menu, which offers a range of creative and topic-based activities, is available on the school webpage for families to access and enjoy together.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Rimmer.