

# Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2 2025

Welcome to the new academic year! We are looking forward to working with you throughout this academic year in order to support your child with their learning. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Venus Class

Venus Class – Lisa-Marie Burnett and Ellie-Louise Angove

## Topic: Life Then and Now

This term, we'll become time-travelling explorers, zooming through history to find out what life was like for children long ago! We'll visit the Victorian era, stop off in the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s and then return to the present 0 before imagining what the future might be like. A long the way, we'll discover how schools, houses, toys and transport have changed over time. Get ready for lots of fun investigations, fascinating facts, and maybe even a few surprises from the past. **If any parent or carer has any object, photo or facts from the past that would go great with this unit, please send it in with your child – we would love to share this with the class!**

## English (reading and writing)

This term in English, we're starting with the story Supertato! The children will be developing their vocabulary, practising their letter formation, and learning to write simple sentences with the correct punctuation. They'll rehearse their sentences out aloud and use their phonics knowledge to help spell new words. Supertato – the sueperhero potato who saves the vegetables from the Evil Pea – gives us lots of fun opportunities to be creative and imaginative with our writing! Later in the term, we'll enjoy The Odd Egg, a lovely story that helps us think about feelings, kindness and how to care for others.

During reading sessions, the children will read 1:1 or in a group either with Miss Lisa, Miss Ellie or Mrs Cormier. This will ensure that each child will be able to further develop their phonic knowledge and comprehension skills. These reading sessions will be logged into their reading records. Whilst 1:1 read are taking place, other children will be completing reading activities including, reading for pleasure. These sessions may take place in the classroom, or in the library so that the children are exposed to different texts and reading environments. **Please ensure your child brings their reading record and their reading book to school every day!** The children will have short periods of time to access **Reading Eggs** during school, however please be reminded **Reading Eggs is part of their homework** so please allow some time for your child to complete this each week at home.

## Maths

Our focus in Year 1 for this half term is addition and subtraction moving into shape towards the end of the term. Children will be learning how to partition numbers using the part-part whole model and fact families. In shape, the children will be looking at and naming 2D and 3D shapes, looking at their properties and sorting them. Please keep accessing Mathletics for daily and weekly activities. The children will have short periods of time to access **Maths seeds** during school, however please be reminded **Math seeds is part of their homework** so please allow some time for your child to complete this each week at home.

## Science

In science this half term, we will be looking at 'Everyday Materials'. The children will become 'mini scientists' using every day materials to compare what material works best in our investigations. They will learn some of these experiments through rhymes and stories such as 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'The Three Little Pigs'.

## Music

The children have begun weekly Music lessons with a specialist teacher; Chashe from Southwark Music services. Venus class are learning how to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

## Art/DT

In Art and D.T, we will be focusing on Pop art using a range of colour and shape; this will be completed by using paint and dye.

### P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week –a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network. Please make sure they are wearing their full PE kits on days listed below. PE lessons can be taught both outdoors and indoors weather permitted, so please ensure your children are wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. Letters will be sent home for children who **DO NOT** bring in their PE kits or **DO NOT** wear the correct PE kit. P.E. will take place on the following days: **Monday and Thursdays.**

### R.E.

The children will be focusing on 'What do some people believe God looks like?'. This will be taught on a weekly basis.

### Computing

The children will be looking at algorithms and how to read and follow instructions.

### Key Dates

9:00 - 9:30 - Phonics  
9:30 - 10:20 - Maths/English focus groups  
10:20 -10:40 - Break  
10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English focus groups  
12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH  
13:00 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE  
15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

*Assembly takes place on Monday and Friday mornings.  
Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events  
or occasions in the school calendar.*

3<sup>rd</sup> November - Children return back to school  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - 7<sup>th</sup> - Celebrating Diwali / Guy Fawkes - Bonfire /  
Fire safety.  
7<sup>th</sup> November - Individual school photos and siblings.  
11<sup>th</sup> November - Mark Remembrance Day  
13<sup>th</sup> November - Flu immunisations  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Sock Day - wear odd socks to school.  
14<sup>th</sup> November - G-Factor Talent Show.  
21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 1 and 2 Maths Coffee Morning- 9am  
21<sup>st</sup> November - Neal Zetter (poet) visiting Grange  
30<sup>th</sup> November - Advent Sunday  
5<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime visiting  
5<sup>th</sup> December - Winter Fair - 3:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1, 2, 3 Carol concert - 2:45pm  
16<sup>th</sup> December - House winners' trip  
18<sup>th</sup> December - Class party!!  
19<sup>th</sup> December - Reports sent to parents  
19<sup>th</sup> December - last day - school closes at 2pm

**\*Christmas holiday - Children return Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026\***