

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Summer 2 2026

Happy half term. 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, Year 1 team 😊

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Topic

This half term, in Year 1 we will be focusing on 'The Amazon Rainforest'. Children will be comparing life in the Amazon Rainforest to life here in the UK. They will use their map skills that they have used throughout the year to locate the Amazon Rainforest and other important parts of our planet such as the equator. They will look at food, communities and animals that live in the Amazon Rainforest and about the different plants and their purposes.

English (reading and writing)

In English we will be focusing on 'Roaming the Rainforest' by Laurie Krebs and 'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love. The children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge and their vocabulary throughout these units. Year 1 will focus on skills to help them write simple and compound sentences using different type of word classes (verbs, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions), by orally rehearsing what they are going to write. Children will continue to develop their use and knowledge of full stops and capital letters and other forms of punctuation.

Each week Year 1 will continue their guided reading sessions 3 times a week focusing on three skills; predictions/reading, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension.

Maths

Year 1 will begin their term learning about multiplication and fractions. They will then start to learn place value within 100 using the skills that was taught for place value within 10 and 20.

Science

For science this half term, year 1 will be making connections and diving back into some of the units that they have learnt about across the year. They will be using lots of their math skills to support their learning in science too. Keep an eye out on Instagram to see what they get up to.

Music

The children we be continuing their weekly music lessons with a specialist teacher, Rachel and will continue to follow beats using their voices and instruments. They will listen to a range of music that they will find rhythm with.

Art/DT

For Art and DT children will be creating animal portraits and rainforest backgrounds alongside creating their own vegetable or fruit salad. Towards the end of the term,

PSHE

In PSHE our unit will be 'Changing me'. The children will look at life cycles of human and animals as well as discussing how they have changed since they were born. We will be using the anatomical language during these sessions, in line with the SRE national curriculum. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

P.E

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week - one with a specialist P.E. coach and one with their class teacher; they will have a focus on athletic sports this half term. Please remember that the children will need to attend to school in their PE kits. P.E kits are **black tracksuit bottoms or shorts** (for warmer days), **white t-shirt**, their **grey Grange school jumper** and **trainers with Velcro straps** (if your child still does not know how to do their shoe laces). Letters will sent out if your child does not attend school with their P.E kit explaining that they have not completed their P.E lesson. If there are any other days that your child will need their P.E kits, you will be informed. P.E. will take place on the following days:

Mondays and Thursdays

R.E.

We are learning the question 'Why should we care for others? These units will continue to have aspects of stories, art and writing.

Phonics

The children will still continue with their daily phonic lessons focusing on Phase 5. We hope to close any gaps that the children have on the run up to the Phonic Screening Check that is happening the week commencing 8 June 2026. Your continued support of this is much appreciated. After this, we will continue the half term on any gaps that need to be focused on alongside new learning in preparations for Year 2.

Key Dates

Year 1

9:00 - 9:30 - Phonics

9:30 - 10:20 - Maths/English input and focus groups.

10:20 - 10:40 - Break

10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English and Focus group.

12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH

13:00 - 13:30 - Guided reading sessions.

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.

1.6.26 All staff and children return

WB 8.6.26 Phonic screening week for year 1

WB 22.6.26 Grange poetry week

22.6.26 Windrush day

2.7.26 House winners' trip

9.7.26 reports home to parents

10.7.26 Grange Carnival and summer fair

13.7.26 Children to meet their new teachers

15.6.26 Class parties

16.7.26 Last day of term for children school closes 2pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Children return 3.9.26