Curriculum overview for Year 1
Autumn 2 2026

English

- We will be starting phase 5 (new).
- We will be writing our own stories, letters and poems inspired by our key texts.
- We will continue to focus on capital letters, full stops and spaces between words.
- We will continue our daily supporting reading (DSR) sessions.
- We will continue to practise forming our letters accurately and begin to understand which family they are from.

Guiding question
What might you discover in the woods?

Key experience
Map making and orienteering in Abbey Woods

Maths

- We will continue learning our number bonds to 10 and thinking about the many different ways a number can be partitioned.
- We will also be using our place value knowledge to identify tens and ones. We will also be counting 'one more/less' within 20.
- We will use a part-whole model to understand the concept of addition and we will be using the '+' and '=' symbols.
- We will also be introduced to the concept of subtraction both in real life contexts, concretely and then pictorially using the symbols ' - ' and '='.

Main foundation subject link:
Science
See Knowledge Organiser for more details

The Enchanted Wood

Writing outcomes:
Writing stories based on 'The Gruffalo.'
Kenning poems inspired by 'The Wolf, The Duck and The Mouse.'

Geography

We will be looking at aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. We will make a simple map and we will represent basic symbols to use in a map key.

There is no history focus this half term.

DT

We will be learning a range of joining techniques, such as gluing or hinges. We will also be exploring a range of cutting and shaping techniques. For example, curling, cutting and folding.

We will work towards creating a moving image using sliders and leavers.

Music and P.E

In P.E, we will be focusing on Gymnastics. We are thinking about stability, control and balance.

In music, we are thinking about exploring and controlling dynamics and the timbre of different instruments.

Our active listening artist is David Bowie.

R.E and PSHE

We will be following the Lewisham Agreed Syllabus and discussing Christianity; The Bible and Christmas.

In PSHE we will be discussing valuing difference. We will discuss the people we trust, who helps us when we feel vulnerable or sick and the people who show us how to do things.

The teaching in Y1 is a blend of whole class, small groups and teaching within the provision like they had in reception (Free Flow). The indoor and outdoor provision is carefully linked to the Y1 curriculum and is where children will consolidate what they have learnt in whole class learning as well as following their own interests. Adults look for 'teachable moments' to support or move the children on in their learning. P.E. is on Tuesday and Forest School is on Friday. Weekly phonics practice is uploaded to Seesaw on a Friday, please encourage the children to use pencil and paper. Book change is on a Monday.