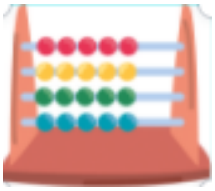
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Here is an overview of what your child will be learning about this term in Year One. Please see the link below to our Year One page on the website with the Curriculum Overview.

https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/year-one-4/

English 	This summer term in Year 1 English, children will enjoy developing their writing and communication skills through a variety of creative activities. They will practise writing in role, create character and setting descriptions, write diary entries, and explore poetry and creative writing. Pupils will also develop speaking and listening skills, design informative posters, and learn to write clear commands. Alongside this, children will continue their phonics learning through Little Wandle Phase 5, helping them to read and spell with growing confidence.
Maths 	In Maths, children will continue to build their confidence with numbers and problem-solving. They will develop their number and place value understanding by working with numbers from 50 to 100 and beyond. Pupils will practise addition and subtraction, apply their maths skills when learning about money, and explore measurement, including capacity and volume, through practical activities. Children will also begin to develop an understanding of multiplication and division by sharing and grouping objects in meaningful ways.
Science 	Children will be learning about the characteristics of animals and living things. They will explore key features of the appearance of animals and look at how we group them according to their characteristics. They will also be learning about the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
Geography 	In Geography, children will learn about the wider world around them. They will explore the seven continents and the five oceans, and begin to understand where places are on a world map. Pupils will learn about the Equator and the Poles, discover different types of land around the world, and focus on Europe, learning that it is the continent where we live. This will help children develop a greater understanding of our planet and their place in it.
History 	In History, children will learn about Parliament and Prime Ministers and how our country is run. They will explore important historical figures such as James II, Mary II, William of Orange, Simon de Montfort, and Robert Walpole, learning why they are significant in the development of Parliament. Pupils will also find out about our Prime Minister today and learn what elections are and why voting is important, helping them to understand how people make decisions in the past and present.
PSHE 	We continue to follow the Jigsaw Curriculum and the themes for this term are 'Relationships' and 'Healthy Me'. Children will have weekly circle times to discuss these topics and everyone will be encouraged to take part if they can.
Music 	The children have a singing assembly weekly as well as a music lesson in class. If it is their turn for music, they will follow these topics with Mr Nind. Animal Rhythms: The children will earn to read, play and compose simple rhythms through singing, musical games, copycat rhythms, body percussion and using untuned instruments to create patterns. - Crotchets, quavers, semi

	quavers and rests. Animal Melodies: The children will develop an awareness of pitch & melodic shape through singing, copycat melodies, and tuned instruments. - Learn how pitch is notated and play simple 3 note melodies on tuned percussion. - Compose a simple melody using desk bells.
Art 	The theme for Art this term is a focus on colour. This will be done through painting and drawing landscapes. The children will be using some landscape artists to inspire them. Artists such as: Maud Lewis, Gabriele Munter, Alyce Frank and David Hockney.
RE 	This term our focus is on Holy Books. The children will learn about Holy Books and what they are in different religions. The children will also learn about the various sounds and the different types of music that are used in religions across the world.
Computing 	The children will continue to have a weekly ICT suite session. One topic will be called Digital Writing where children will use their understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and change text and familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard. The second topic is Programming Animations where children will be introduced to on-screen programming through Scratch and will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds.
PE 	Children will have an indoor and outdoor session of PE during the week. The focus is outdoor games and gymnastics. Later on, in the second half of term, they will practise for sports day. P.E times are flexible and therefore we would appreciate it, if you would ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and remain in school for the half term.

Extra Events

To enhance their work in Science the children are having an 'Animal Antics Day' on **Thursday 25th June** where the children can come dressed as animals. A visiting animal handling workshop will be part of the activities they take part in on this day. There will be a cost for this workshop.

Home learning

All home learning will be on Google Classroom. See the grid below for what will be sent out on GCR.

Subject	Guidance
Home Learning Matrix	Set fortnightly on a Friday. The Learning Matrix includes a range of written, mathematical, creative and practical tasks. Please choose only one or more tasks from the Matrix each time.
Phonics	The Year One Little Wandle Phonics learning has been uploaded for the term on Google Classroom.
Maths	Children will be set NUMBOTS as well as other Maths tasks on the Home Learning Matrix.
Reading	Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. Please do read the allocated E-Book assigned weekly plus any other books you have at home.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak with me.
Best wishes,

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