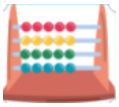
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is so good to see the children again and to make a start on our new topics! Here is an overview of what they will be learning about this term in Year One.

Topics
Please see the link below to our website with the Curriculum Overview, this Newsletter and videos and photos of lots of things we have done already this academic year!
https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/year-one-4/

English 	The children will be focussing on using their imagination to write their own stories. Particular attention will be given to using descriptive language to add detail to their ideas and using correct punctuation to demarcate sentences. They will be writing invitations, story maps, facts and weather reports. The Year One ley texts are listed here: https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/year-1-key-texts/ In Phonics the children will continue to work through Little Wandle. Please see the Little Wandle parents' area on their website for support for parents on this.https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/
Maths 	This term the children will learn about days, routines, and telling the time to o'clock and half past. The children will add and subtract numbers up to 20 using practical methods and practise different ways to solve simple number problems. They will also be counting, ordering, and using numbers to 50. The children will also learn about halves and quarters and learn to compare and measure length and weight using everyday objects.
Science 	The children will be looking at the theme 'Seasonal Changes' and 'Plants'. They will be investigating the changes between the seasons and making observations of their environment. They will also be looking at seasons in other localities and continents. In the second half of term the children will be learning about different plants and trees with some opportunities for growing plants too. Their Hibernation Day is on **Wed 14th January.**
Geography 	The children will be learning about the United Kingdom and its four countries: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. They will be exploring where each country is and learn about some of their key features.
History 	The children will be learning about kings, queens, and leaders from the past. They will explore King John and the Magna Carta, Henry III and the development of Parliament. They will also learn about Charles I, Oliver Cromwell, and the Commonwealth, helping them understand how leadership and government have changed over time. They will also enjoy a visit to Windsor Castle on **Monday 23rd March.**
PSHE 	The children continue to follow the Jigsaw Curriculum and the themes for this term are 'Dreams and Goals' where they will be exploring setting goals, identifying successes and achievements, looking at learning styles, working well, celebrating achievements, and tackling new challenges. The second half topic is 'Healthy Me'. They will be exploring how to keeping ourselves healthy and clean, how to keep safe, and being happy.
Music 	The children have a singing assembly weekly as well as a music lesson in class. 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 line and tone focus. This will be done through observational drawing. The children will be using some still life artists to inspire them. Artists such as: Mary Potter, Paul Cezanne, Georges Rouault and Eric Carle!
Technology 	In Technology the focus is structures. They will be making hibernation caves as part of this work on structures. They will be developing the knowledge, skills and understanding to build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer, and more stable. The children will make a windmill, learning how to make it stronger, stiffer and more stable and how to use the technical vocabulary linked to the materials used.
RE 	In RE the children will be learning about special faith buildings. This unit will have a focus on Sikhism. After half term the children will be learning about the teachings of Jesus in Christianity.
Computing 	The children will continue to have a weekly ICT suite session for Computing. They will be exploring early programming by giving simple commands to move a robot, both with friends and on a computer. They also learn about data by sorting and labelling objects into different groups.
PE 	Children will have an indoor and outdoor session of PE during the week. The focus for this term is gymnastics and ball skills. After half term they will be doing a unit on dance and team building games. 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 link to our work in Science and Technology, on **Wednesday 14th January** the children will be having Hibernation Day. On this day they will be coming to school dressed in their warm pyjamas, making hibernation caves and having an outdoor session. To consolidate our work on Royalty the children will go on a trip to Windsor Castle on **Monday 23rd March.** The children will then have a Royalty Day on **Thurs 26th March** to support and enhance their History topic even further. On this occasion they can dress up as royalty and will have a royal tea party.

Home learning

All home learning will continue to be on Google Classroom.

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.
Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics learning will be sent out for the term so you can practise they sounds of the week in the context of words and sentences.
Numbots	Children all have their access codes to use Numbots. Awards are given out in assembly to the class that has used it the most every week.
Reading	Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. We would appreciate it if you could sign the reading diary after you read with your child at home.

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

Best wishes,
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