

St Faith's C of E Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum News Spring 2026

Teaching team: Miss Stephen (Y1 and Silver Birch Teacher), Mrs Wright (Y1 LSA), Mrs Knott (Oak Class Teacher)

Topic: Toys

English

Phonics: The children will consolidate their phonic knowledge and continue to learn to spell common exception words.

Writing: Year 1 will be focusing on two texts 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth and 'The Storm Whale' By Benji Davis. They will be continuing to work on sentence structure and punctuation through different styles of writing e.g. letters and story re-telling. They will also look at traditional tales.

Reading: Reading will be taught through guided reading sessions where the children practise a specific aspect of reading and comprehension, alongside readers of a similar challenge level.

Maths

Year 1 will be taught skills in addition and subtraction as well as place value and measurement, learning to:

- Represent numbers to 50
- Find and make number bonds to 20
- Understand tens and units
- Add within 20
- Subtract within 20
- Recap, 2 times-table, 5 times-table, 10 times-table and counting to 50
- Compare and measure heights and lengths
- Compare and measure mass, weight and volume

Science: Plants

Children will be learning about plants and trees. Thinking about how they grow and what they need.

We will also carry out a longitudinal study looking closely at seasonal changes.

Supporting learning at home

Please listen to/read with your child every single day, as it makes a huge difference to reading progress. Do encourage your child to read widely as a diet of just school reading books does not broaden reading experience. Please note any reading in the school reading diary.

Please use the maths pack and accompanying booklet to consolidate and extend your child's learning.

Events and Visitors

- We are looking forward to welcoming in parent visitors to share toys from the past and toys from around the world.
  - Thursday 29th and Friday 30th Jan from 1pm, sewing puppets.
  - Thursday 5th February to Milestones Museum.
  - Anytime to show an old toy (Ideally Thursdays).

Foundation subjects

History: As part of our topic, the children will be learning about the toys their grandparents and great grandparents would have played with and comparing them with popular toys today.

Geography: The children will be finding out about toys from around the world.

Art: The children will make observational drawings of old toys. They will also explore how to use different media to create textured effects

DT: The children will be planning, making and evaluating a felt hand puppet.

RE: As part of a topic on Special Books, the children will learn about the Bible, some of the stories Jesus told and the importance of the Torah to the Jewish faith.

Music: We are following a scheme inspired by Old McDonald had a farm and Spring before moving on to a focus on Tempo, Dynamics, Timbre.

PSHE: We will continue to use the SCARF programme to encourage a positive approach to our learning and play.

PE: We will initially be focusing on ball control, and sending/receiving skills as well as undertaking gymnastics lessons with Marc. After half term we move on to dance and team work, movement skills.

ICT: The children will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

Messages

Please ensure that your child has:

- **A named waterproof coat with a hood if there is any likelihood of rain.** ***Please note school fleeces are only for outside or to go over a school jumper.***
- **A named water-bottle (please do not put these in book-bags as they often leak and damage books).**
- **A named PE kit to keep in school as our timetable can change.** Our PE days are usually **Monday** and **Wednesday.**