

Literacy

Our P1 pupils will continue to learn their initial sounds. As the term continues, they will begin to apply their growing phonics knowledge to read and spell simple words independently. They will also continue to learn three new common words per week, to build their sight word vocabulary. Pupils will also start to recognise tricky words that cannot always be sounded out, helping them to read with greater fluency.

In writing, children will continue to strengthen fine motor skills through a variety of fun, hands-on activities such as tracing, pattern-making and mark-making with different materials. They will begin to understand that writing has purpose — for example, writing labels, captions and short messages linked to stories or classroom experiences.

Our reading sessions will focus on developing a love of stories. Pupils will listen to and discuss a variety of texts, exploring characters, settings and key events through topic work. They will be encouraged to make predictions about what might happen next and to share their own thoughts about the stories they read. Using illustrations to support understanding will continue to be a key skill.

We will also continue to develop listening and talking skills through group discussions, storytelling and oracy activities. These experiences help pupils to express their ideas clearly, listen carefully to others and build confidence in communicating with their classmates.

Numeracy

Primary 1 pupils are continuing to build a strong understanding of numbers and counting. We are developing our ability to count forwards and backwards within 20, recognise and form numbers correctly and understand the value of numbers through a variety of fun, hands-on activities.

Children are exploring number sequences and practising ordering numbers within 10 and beyond. Through practical play-based learning, pupils are learning to match quantities to numerals and compare groups using terms such as *more than*, *less than* and *equal to*. We will also begin to explore simple addition and subtraction using concrete materials such as counters, cubes and ten frames to help pupils visualise number stories.

As part of our work on money, pupils will be introduced to coins and their values. They will handle and sort coins, identify different coins by size, colour, and number and use them in real-life role play situations such as shop activities. This helps children to understand that money has value and is used to buy and exchange items.

In shape and pattern, children will identify and name 2D and 3D shapes in their environment and begin to create and continue simple patterns using colour, shape and size. These activities help develop early problem-solving and logical thinking skills.

Across all areas of numeracy, pupils will continue to build their mathematical language and confidence working with numbers through play, songs, games and active learning experiences.

Health and Wellbeing

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This term, our Health and Wellbeing focus will include personal safety, expressing our feelings, and developing positive friendships. We will be discussing important themes such as road safety and fireworks safety, as well as learning how to recognise and communicate our emotions in a healthy way. We will also explore the importance of kindness, friendship and building positive relationships with others. As we approach the winter months, we will look at ways of keeping ourselves healthy through good hygiene practices, such as washing our hands and sneezing into our elbows.

PE

In PE, pupils will focus on developing their racquet skills through activities such as tennis and badminton. In the lead up to Christmas, pupils will learn some social dances, to be performed during their Christmas parties. Out in the Astroturf, pupils will move onto Football as a focus and explore dribbling, passing and shooting a ball.



Miss McNair (P1M) & Mrs Wilson (P1/2W) September-December 2026 Parent/Carer Information



Topic

IDL

This term, our Primary 1 pupils will be exploring a range of exciting topics through our **Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)** called "**Marvellous ME**". The following themes will be covered:

🏠 My Family and Home

We will talk about the special people in our lives and explore the different places we call home.

👁️ Amazing Bodies

We will look closely at what makes each of us unique, discovering our individual features from our hair right down to our toes!

😊 Big Feelings

We will learn about different emotions, explore what makes us happy and develop ways to recognise and manage feelings such as sadness or anger.

💖 Super Friendships

Through play and discussion, we will learn about sharing, kindness, caring for others and what it means to be a good friend.

🦸 Our Superpowers

We will celebrate what makes each of us special, build our confidence and recognise the wonderful ways in which we are all beautifully different.

Following this, we will begin our **Class Enterprise** topic, where pupils will work together to create a product to sell at our **Christmas Fayre**. They will be involved in developing ideas for their product, creating slogans and posters and producing an advertisement to promote their chosen item.

Finally, pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their creativity and performing skills as they take part in this year's **Christmas Nativity**. We are sure it will be a wonderful and memorable experience for everyone involved!

Key Information

Days

P1M and P1/2W's PE days are Mondays (Gym Hall) and Fridays (Astroturf)

Please send your child in their gym kit on these days. Gym kit should consist of a school polo shirt/t-shirt and jumper/cardigan with dark leggings/shorts/joggers and trainers. On gym days earrings and jewellery should be removed or taped prior to coming to school.

Please note that both classes will also be taking part in outdoor learning session on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

A Polite Ask

- Can we ask that with your child you practise putting on and taking off jumpers, jackets and shoes, zipping up bags and jackets and fetching snacks from easy to reach pockets. Promoting independence is key in Primary 1 and this ensures we make the most of learning time.
- A gentle reminder to all parents to please order your child's lunch on iPayImpact, as this would reduce the amount of time each morning spent organising lunches and would maximise learning time.