



*One Community, Growing and Learning Together*

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1A

Welcome to the 2026/2027 academic year and the first step on your child's Year 1 journey. We have a range of topics planned for this half-term. Children will explore traditional tales, develop their mathematical understanding through place value, learn about how animals can be grouped and classified, and find out how toys have changed over time. We look forward to supporting your child as they develop their knowledge and skills across the curriculum.

**English** - Pupils will be sharing and retelling traditional stories, including The Little Red Hen. We will also develop our poetry skills through repeating patterns and nursery rhymes. Please support your child with their reading by listening to them read aloud at home and discussing what they have read.

**Maths** – Our Mathematicians will focus on place value with numbers to 10 and continue to develop their fluency and reasoning skills through problem-solving activities. Please support your child by ensuring they complete their Numbots homework each week.

**Science** – The children will develop their knowledge of animals, including humans. They will explore animal habitats and learn to sort and classify animals into groups, such as herbivores, carnivores and omnivores

**RE** – Year 1 will begin to develop the understanding of the Christian faith focusing on a church as a special place.

**PE** - Pupils will be developing their throwing, catching, sending and receiving skills. They will practise controlling and moving a ball with increasing accuracy and coordination. Pupils will also begin to apply these skills in simple games and activities.

**History** – Children will explore changes within living memory, with a focus on their own families and everyday life. They will explore and investigate how toys have changed over time, comparing toys from the past with those children play with today. Through these activities, children will develop their understanding of chronology, similarities and differences, and changes over time.

**Art and Design** – Our young artists will explore colour, tone and pattern, developing their skills in sketching, drawing and painting. They will take inspiration from the work of the artist Wassily Kandinsky, exploring how he used colour, shape and pattern to create expressive artwork. Children will experiment with different techniques and materials, developing their creativity and confidence as artists.

**Computing** – Pupils will become familiar with how to log on to a computer using a username and password. They will also develop basic keyboard skills and have a focus on E- Safety.

**PSHEE & Relationships** – Children will learn about having high aspirations and have the opportunity to share their star qualities.

### Reminders

- Year 1 children benefit greatly from reading every day at home, especially with an adult to hear and question them. Children will receive Reading Raffle stamps for every adult signature in their Home/School Reading Record. Children should read their book several times in order to build pace, fluency and understanding of the text.
- Reading books and Homework will be handed out every **Friday**. Please return homework by the following Friday. Please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading book to school everyday.
- PE will take place **on Monday and Wednesday** of each week – please can children have their PE kits in school. Please can you remove earrings on these days too or cover earrings with tape/plasters.

### Our Commando Joe Character Values:

