



Year One Curriculum Map

Spring Second Half Term



To Our Area and Beyond

Our topic continues to be 'To Our Area and Beyond'.

This includes learning about the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and Durham Castle.



English

In English we will be planning and retelling the traditional tale of

'The Lambton Worm' as retold by Jeanne Willis.

However, we will be innovating the story and changing the ending.

We will also be writing a set of instructions to help us catch the worm.

Our focus continues to be on handwriting, spelling words using our phonic knowledge, spelling a range of tricky words correctly, and using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. We will also be learning to add 'ed' to words when writing our diary entry in the past tense.



Maths

This half term we are counting forwards and backwards within 50, and recognising numbers which are 1 more and 1 less than numbers within 50.

Last half term we learnt to use tens and ones within 20. This half term we will be using tens and ones within 50, and using number lines up to 50.

We will continue to count in twos to 24 and count in fives to 50.

We will also measure and compare mass and weight using a variety of non-standard units (e.g. cubes, bricks).

Finally we will measure and compare volume and capacity. We will measure the capacity of different containers using non-standard units of measure.

Maths Games... <https://pbskids.org/peg/games/happy-camel>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm>

Art



We will be focussing on techniques such as rolling paper tubes and shaping paper strips to create our own 3D sculptures.

PSHCE

We will be discussing issues concerning British values, raising aspirations, living in a diverse world, racism and relationships.



PE



We will be learning about gymnastic balances and be developing our ability to hold a balance on 1, 2, 3 and 4 points of our bodies.

Science



Can you name a variety of different materials and their properties?

This is what we will be looking at in science!
We will be finding out why:

- Glass is used for windows
- Wood is used for furniture
- Metal is used for planes, cars, trains-strength
- Plastic is used to form any shape such as toys
- Brick is used to build houses.

We will investigate which material would be best to make a window for the dragon's home.

Geography



This half term we will be improving our geographical knowledge by learning the names of the four countries that make up the UK. This will also include knowing the names of the capital cities of the 4 countries and knowing the names of the three seas that surround the UK.

The UK song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvDIZoQLgLE>

Music



We will be learning the song of the Lambton Worm and exploring percussion sounds to accompany this. We will also be creating our own symbols to represent the sounds.

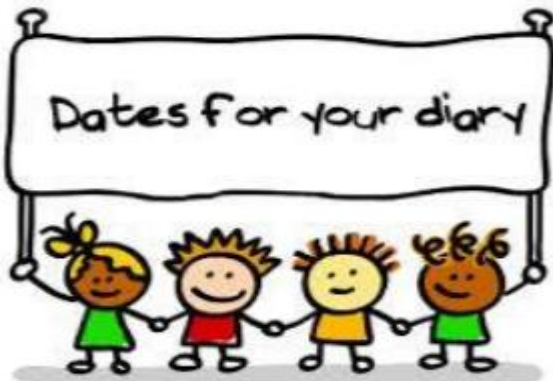
Computing



We will be learning which button on a device, eg a Bee Bot, represents which action.

We will program a robot to follow a simple sequence of instructions in order to make 1 or 2 turns.

As part of our online safety we will learn about personal information and the importance of keeping this secure both online and off.



March 6th – World Book day

March 31st/ April 2nd – Parents meetings

March 26th – Easter coffee morning and Easter bonnet parade.

April 11th – School closes for 2 weeks



SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Sorting materials

<https://wordwall.net/resource/7272354/science/y1-sorting-materials>

<https://wordwall.net/resource/1154845/science/sorting-materials>

Properties

<https://wordwall.net/resource/380188/science/properties>

QUIZ

<https://wordwall.net/resource/24842744/materials-quiz>

Natural or manmade

<https://wordwall.net/resource/50878/science/man-made-or-natural-objects>

REMINDERS

WEDNESDAY – Return reading and phonics books.
PE (no football strips).

FRIDAY – Return spelling books (if your child has one).

FRIDAY – New books and spellings given out.

Help your child learn their spellings. These must be written out 3 times in the spelling book. (Not all children have spelling books yet).



In the week beginning 9th June 2025 your child will take part in a phonics screening check set by the Department for Education. All Year 1 children in England will be asked to complete the check.

You can download the Department for Education's official Year 1 Phonics Screening Check past papers to get an idea of what your child will be asked to do using the following link...

2024 Paper:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2024-modified-materials>






then click on

[2024 phonics screening check: pupils' materials with colour images](#)

Ref: ISBN 978-1-83507-116-8, STA/24/8878/e
MS Word Document, 895 KB

Please practise the Read, Write Inc sounds shown below with your child regularly.

Speed Sounds Set 1

m 	a 	s 	d 	t 
i 	n 	p 	g 	o 
c 	k 	u 	b 	f 
e 	l 	h 	sh 	r 
j 	v 	y 	w 	th 
z 	ch 	qu 	x 	ng 


Speed Sounds Set 2


ay  may I play?	ee  what can you see?	igh  fly high	ow  blow the snow	oo  poo at the zoo	ou  shout it out
oo  look at a book	ar  start the car	or  shut the door	air  that's not fair	ir  whirl and twirl	oy  toy for a boy

Speed Sounds Set 3

ea 
cup of tea

oi 
spoil the boy

a-e 
make a cake

i-e 
nice smile

o-e 
phone home

u-e 
huge brute


are 
cure and share

ur 
nurse with a purse

er 
a better letter

ow 
brown cow


ai 
snail in the rain

aw 
yawn at dawn

oa 
goat in a boat

ew 
chew the stew


ire 
fire, fire!

ear 
hear with your ear


ure 
sure it's pure

ue 
come to the rescue!

ie 
terrible tie!


au 
Paul the astronaut

e-e 
go Pete and Steve!

kn 
knock knock, who's there?

ck 
tick tock clock

wh 
whisk, whisk

ph 
take a photo

e 
he, me, we, she, be

tion 
pay attention, it's a celebration!

cious
tious 
scrumptious,
delicious

