Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 - Term 2 - 2026/2027

After a great start to the school year, and a restful break, we're looking forward to a busy and exciting term 2. Please make sure you log onto Class Dojo each week to check for updates and to see all our amazing work!

It is very important your child brings in their ***water bottle, reading book*** *and a* ***coat*** *every day!*



Dates for Term 2

2nd November: Term 2 Starts
5th November: Outdoor Classroom Day
12th November: Diwali event
16th – 20th November: Parents evening
19th November: Y1 historical buildings walk
23rd November: Inset day
25th November: Y1 visit to Junction 3 Library
18th December: Last Day of Term 2
5th January: Start of Term 3

Authors



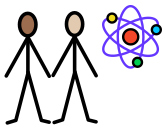
As authors this term, we are reading **Stick Man**. *We will be applying our new sentence writing skills and to help us write about Stick Man and his adventures.*
We will then also be reading some non-fiction books, learning about adjectives and comparing clothes, toys and cars from the past 100 years.
We will use our oracy skills to help us discuss our ideas. Please ask us about our books at home – we will be very excited to share our learning with you!

Mathematicians



As mathematicians, we will be deepening our knowledge and understanding of numbers within 10. As a class we will continue to practice number formations and making and breaking numbers to 10, before looking at odd and even number patterns, being able to count 2 more and 2 less and investigating more about zero. Why not ask us to sing you our number bond song? We use this to help us add to 10.

Scientists



As scientists this term we will be investigating Everyday Materials.

We will be looking at man-made and natural materials, exploring their properties and understanding why different objects are made using different materials.

This will link to our authors story of Stick Man and help us with understanding textiles for our designers week.

Athletes



Our athlete lessons for Term 2 are on **Monday** and **Thursday.**

Children should come to school dressed ready for athlete lessons.

As athletes, this term we will explore shape and movement through our Real PE physical cog curriculum.

We are also very excited to have Bristol Robins coaches running sports sessions this term.

Phonics



As readers and writers this term, we will be learning Phase 4 consonant blends, as well as the Phase 4 common exception words.

We will also continue to recap Phase 3 and Phase 2 phonemes, graphemes and the spelling of some of the common exception words.

Please remember to ask us about our phonics at home.

At home learning



Please listen to your child read at home **5 times per week**. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age.
Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference.

Don't forget to ask your child to identify the sounds in the words – they will be very keen to show off their phonics skills!

We will be regularly checking if your child has been reading and will change home reading books when appropriate. Enjoy reading together!

If you have any questions at all, please contact me through ClassDojo or speak to me at the door.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Caspar – Year 1 Class Teacher