

Key Stage 1 Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 1 2026/2027 - Autumn 1

Dear Parents, Welcome to Year 1! The children have made an excellent start and continue to make a smooth transition from Reception. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on. I am pleased to provide you with information about what we will be covering in the different subjects during the first half of the Autumn term. Kind Regards, Mrs Gambles.

Catholic life of the school

On a Monday morning, we begin the week by gathering to reflect on the week ahead and pray together. On Wednesday we have Key Stage assemblies and on Friday, we have Celebration Assembly, when we celebrate the achievements of children from each class.

In class, the children will continue to plan and lead Collective Worship with their teacher on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The children will attend a variety of school Masses/services, in Church and in school, throughout the year. The Wednesday Word is available online for each child, every Wednesday. Please look out for this and share it with your child.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Each child in the class will be given the opportunity to take home a prayer bag, to share some reflective time with their family. Please feel free to add a prayer, photograph or picture to the class book.

We will be collecting for the local Food Bank, each Monday in October. The children are asked, where possible, to bring in one item as a donation, as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. Thank you for your support.

Healthy School Initiative

As part of the healthy school initiative, we continue to encourage the children to be active at playtimes and improve their fitness by completing the 'Daily Mile'. This is done from a walking pace to a jogging/running pace as each child increases in speed and ability.

Children will be encouraged to drink water throughout the day; therefore, it is important that the children have their water bottles in everyday! It makes it easier for the children if the bottles have a sports top, as it would prevent any unnecessary spillage.

Healthy snacks can be brought into school each day and the children will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes. A piece of fruit will be offered to every child in Key Stage 1 at afternoon playtime.

Information and dates to remember:

- 21 Sept - After school clubs begin
- 4 Oct - Y1 Class assembly
- 2/9/16/23- Foodbank Fridays - donations
- 23 Oct - End of half term, school closes 3.25pm
- 2 Nov - Start of Autumn 2 half term
- 3 Nov - Firework Display

Homework Information will be set on Google Classrooms

English Homework Books will be sent home on Wednesdays with either a fiction or non-fiction piece of work to be completed and handed in by Monday.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Maths Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and is to be handed in on Friday of the same week.

Reading Each child should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per night and complete their reading record.

Concerns and messages

If you have any concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at teachers@socps.co.uk or catch me at the school gate.

Year 1**General Class
Information****PE Information**

This term the children will come to school wearing their PE days:

Monday and Wednesday

PE Uniform: white plain t-shirt, royal blue shorts and black trainers (seasonal)

PE Cold weather - navy plain tracksuit tops (no hoods), jogging pants and black trainers will be needed.

If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are removed before coming into to school.

P.E will be outdoors if the weather allows.
Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

Speaking and Listening

Talk with your child about things you are doing together. Explain new words and phrases and give your child words to use if s/he is struggling with an explanation.

Always encourage your child to ask questions and listen to the answers.

In Year 1, we continue teaching early reading and phonics scheme, 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' which is on the Government accredited list for teaching phonics. You can visit their website for more information and look at the parent section, which will show videos of how the children will be taught to pronounce the different letters and sounds.

The children will bring home two decodable books, which they can read more fluently. One will have practised in school the previous week. Any other book taken home will be a book to share with you reading to or with your child. Please ensure that the decodable books are returned to school on time as other children will be relying on using the books, the following week. (A cost will be incurred for any books that are lost or damaged).

Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

Reading practice books (Decodable phonic book)

This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book (library book)

Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practice book

These books have been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy - your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise - celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, encourage them to have a go and then read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. Please continue to complete reading record books each night, to communicate how your child has read or enjoyed a book with you.

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to develop their vocabulary and become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

For more information, you can access

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> We look forward to working together, to keep reading a pleasurable experience for all our children and embracing the new scheme as we move forward together.

The school continues to run an early-doors reading and number club 8am - 8:45am each morning. We ask that children are in the club by 8.20am. Please pay using the Parent Pay app.

RE**Creation and Covenant - Branch 1**

- To know about the Holy Bible and the story of Creation.
- To reflect on different prayers, the Our Father and the Nicene Creed and different ways we can pray and be close to God.
- To know about Laudato Si and how we can care for our world, God's creation.

Please see the RE newsletter on the school website for more information.

English**Reading**

- Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.
- Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes (sounds), including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes. e.g 'ai' 'ay'
- Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught.
- Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word, e.g 'they'.
- Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings.
- Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.
- Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

Writing

- Saying out loud what they are going to write about.
- Composing a sentence orally before writing it.
- Sequencing sentences to form short narratives.
- Re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense.
- Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils.
- Focus and genres - Stories in familiar setting, labels, lists and signs, songs and repetitive poems.

Spelling

- All letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent.
- Consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent, e.g 'fl', flag, flask.
- Vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent.
- The process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds.

Science - Seasonal Changes

- Name the four seasons in order and describe the typical weather in each.
- Name some activities and events in the four seasons.
- Describe the appearance of a tree's leaves in each season.
- Recall that summer has the most daylight hours and winter has the least daylight hours.
- Record data about the temperature across the four seasons.
- Label a map of the UK with capital cities and seasonal weather symbols.
- Complete a pictogram and use it to answer simple questions.
- Record data about the temperature across the four seasons.

Mathematics**Number & Place Value**

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number.
- Count
- and read numbers to 50 in numerals; and then to 100. Count in multiples of twos, fives, and tens.
- Given a number, identify one more and one less.
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.
- Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.

Addition and Subtraction

- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.
- Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as: 7 = ? - 9.

Shape, Space and Measures

- Recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including:
- 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles].
- 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres].

Geography What is it like here?

- Locate three features on an aerial photograph of the school and know the name of the country and village, town or city in which they live.
- Make a map of the classroom with four key features, using objects to represent the distance and direction of features in the classroom.
- Recognise four features in the school grounds using a map.
- Explain how they feel about three areas of the playground and find out how others feel by looking at the results of a survey.
- Draw a design to improve three areas of the playground using the results from the survey.

PE Stay on task

- Develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance through focused skill development sessions, thematic stories and games.
- Follow instructions and practise safely.
- Work on simple tasks by themselves.

Our P.E this term is on Monday and Wednesday.

RSHE - Relationships

- Develop understanding of the kinds of relationships that exist within families.
- Describe their feelings and convey emotions in a positive way.
- Develop a growing understanding of friendships and what makes a 'good' friend.

RSE - Journey in Love

- To recognise signs that I am loved in my family.

New Beginnings

Design and Technology Stable Structures

- Explain that structures are things that are built and have a purpose.
- Understand that structures with a wider base are more stable than ones with a narrow base.
- Explain that extra weight added to the base of a structure makes it more stable.
- Design a product and use a sketch book to show ideas.
- Choose the best method for joining parts.

Computing Using Computers 1

- Use computers more purposefully
- Log in and navigate around a computer
- Drag, drop, click and control a cursor using a mouse
- Use software tools to create art on the computer

Music - Hey You!

Using the "Charanga" scheme, the children will be introduced to a variety of music styles. This half term, the focus will be on beat, rhythm and pulse, specifically rap music.

Make different sounds with voice and instruments.

- Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

Make a sequence of sounds.

- Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.
- The children will sing known and new songs every day.