

Science and P.E

During Science the children will be looking at different materials such as wood, metal, fabric and plastic. They will investigate the materials and begin to describe them using vocabulary such as smooth, rough, hard, soft, transparent, opaque amongst other words. This vocabulary will also be used to help them compare different materials.

During P.E lessons, the children will be developing their ball skills as well as learning attack and defence games.

The Arts and Computing (Art, DT, Music and Computing)

During Computing, the children are learning to be data explorers and exploring how we can use technology to sort data and answer questions about data. The children's online safety learning will focus on online reputation and online bullying. We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on 11th February.

In DT the children will be exploring mechanisms such as levers and wheels to make pictures move. They will create different moving pictures each week before selecting their favourite mechanism and creating their final piece of work.

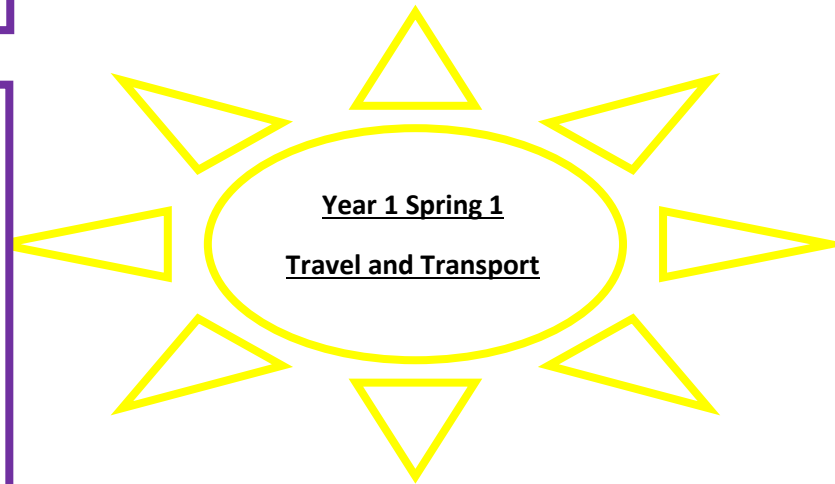
Humanities (Geography, History and RE)

During History, the children will explore and compare transport. The children will explore transport now then, learning about the history of cars, trains and airplanes. The children will learn about the Wright brothers as well as looking at the history of car making within Luton. In R.E the children are exploring the topic of 'God and Faith' through the lens of 'courtesy'. The children will be learning about how Christians and Muslims welcome people, with a focus on Baptism and Aqiqah.

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas holidays. They have returned well rested and excited to share their holiday news. This half term the children in Year 1 will be working on the topic 'Travel and Transport'.

The children will continue to bring home a reading book on a Friday evening as well as their weekly library book. Please share these with your children. The children are expected to read at home at least twice over the weekend.



Homework

Here is a list of homework for this half term. Homework is set on Google Classroom on a Friday and is due in by Wednesday. If you have any issues completing the homework please speak to your class teacher.

Week 1: Tell me about your goals for 2026

Week 2: Transport Survey - Go for a walk and see what different types of transport you can see.

Week 3: Tolerance is our value for January. Share how you can help the crayons be more tolerant.

Week 4: Show me what you know about different materials.

Week 5: Show me how you can keep safe online.

Week 6: Write your own finding story based on 'The Blue Balloon'.

English

The children will explore recount writing. They will build on their knowledge of nouns and verbs and identify the subject, verb and time adverbials in sentences. The children will write their own recount of our theatre trip to The Hat Factory. We will then finish the half term with the story 'The Blue Balloon'. The children will be focussing on securing sentence structure, adding '-ed' to regular past tense words and looking at how the prefix 'un' changes the meaning of the root word. Reading continues to be a big focus in school. Please hear your child read at least twice over the weekend. Phonics remains a big focus in Year 1. Please help your children to complete their phonics homework and to spot the sounds they know in their reading books. Guidance on how to support your child can be found in the front and back of their reading books and on the school website. Parents have also received a copy of sounds and words that we would like you to practice with your child at home.

Maths

During Maths the children will continue to build on their knowledge of numbers and the number system. We will be learning to add and subtract within 20. We will be finding number bonds to 20 as well as knowing our doubles of numbers to 20. We will use our knowledge of doubles to 20 to explore how we can use near doubles to solve addition and subtraction number sentences quickly and efficiently. The children will then explore place value of numbers within 50. They will be able to say how many tens and ones make a number and learn how to partition the number.

Counting continues to be very important. It would benefit the children to practise counting each day. In school, we have been counting in 1s to 30 and extending to 50. The children have also been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

