

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 will be using activities on Purple Mash. They will be learning how to use the direction keys on the keyboard to navigate challenges and tasks. They will also follow and create their own instructions thinking about Algorithms. The children's online safety 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.

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 be sent home on Friday with a reading book as well as their library book, please share these with your children. The children are expected to read at home at least twice over the weekend.



Year 1 Spring 1 2025

Travel and Transport

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 2025

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 the story 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. The children will learn the story and begin to adapt the story structure to create their own version of the story. 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 the prefix 'un-'.

Reading continues to be a big focus in school. Please hear your child read at least twice over the weekend. Phonics also 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 practise 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.

