



Sunflower & Cornflower

Year 1 Spring Newsletter 2026



We hope you have a great Christmas Break and look forward to the new term
in
January 2026!

Year 1 Learning

In Year 1, your child's learning continues to be focused around being a scientist; a geographer; an historian; an artist etc. We do ensure that we have threads of learning and connections between all that we do.

Geography: We will be learning how to find the World's countries and continents. We shall identify living creatures in each country. We will also describe seasonal changes in the UK as well as exploring environmental issues; specifically Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

History: We will be looking at the famous person Amelia Earheart and local hero Amy Johnson.

Science: Our science work will focus on Animals, including Humans. We will name and sort a variety of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will have a trip to The Deep in Hull and explore habitats.

RE: Our work in RE this term will focus on Islam. We will be exploring what Muslims learn from the Qur'an and how they express their beliefs and celebrate their faith.

PSHE/PSE/SMSC: We will be valuing our differences and respecting each other. British Values will be a focus and how these link to us and our lives. We will also look at secrets and how we keep ourselves safe.

P.E. Gymnastics and Dance will be a focus this term.

Art and DT: In DT, we will be exploring puppets and making our own puppet by joining materials in different ways. In art we will be using Primary colours to mix Secondary colours; learning how to mix shades and hues of one colour.

Music: We will be singing in groups, learning about the beat and performing for others.

Computing: We will be creating algorithms this term

We hope this gives you a good introduction to what your child will be doing in the Spring Term.

Reading Books

Our Year 1s will continue to bring home books linked to their phonics ability, as well as a 'Reading for Pleasure' book of their choice. Please use the Reading Diary to record when you share books with your child, and when your child reads to you.

Hook Day

Our first Hook Day of the New Year is on Friday 9th January. On this day we will be introducing our new work on animals by focusing on Under The Sea Creatures. We hope that the children will come dressed up as Underwater creatures or underwater explorers. For example an octopus, fish, jellyfish, dolphin, seahorse, shark or explorer. Underwater explorers would wear flippers, scuba-diver mask and snorkel.





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Home Learning

Exciting new Home Learning activities are in your child's home learning book. Home learning can be handed into the basket on any day, however they are checked each

Thursday. Children are expected to **read to an adult a minimum of 3 times per week** and record this in their Reading Diary.

We also ask that **spelling shed** is used each week please as spelling games are linked with school learning. A spelling quiz takes place every Friday in Year 1 and children will bring this home to share with you. Please support your child in doing the best they can.



Special Days This Term

- **Friday 9th January: Hook Day; Under The Sea**
- **W/C 19th January: Energy Saving Week**
- **Wednesday 4th February: Trip to The Deep**
- **W/C 9th February: Children's Mental Health Week**
- **Wednesday 11th February: Friendship event after school**
- **Thursday 26th February: Puppet Making Workshop—Parent Invite 9am**
- **Thursday 5th March: World Book Day**
- **Monday 9th March: International Women's Day**
- **W/C 9th March: Science Week**
- **Friday 20th March: Comic Relief**
- **Weds 25th March-Mon 30th March: Book Fayre**
- **W/C 30th March: Easter Activities**

We hope you and your child are looking forward to this term as much as we are and can't wait to welcome you into school again. Any questions at all please do catch us at the end of the day, or call/e-mail the office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

Many thanks

The Year One Team