

Journeys and belonging

Year 1 Sapphire and Aqua Class Autumn One Term 2025



Key Areas of Learning

As **historians**, we are going to be learning about the past. We will begin by looking at creating our own timelines using pictures from when we were babies, when we were in Reception and now. We will then look at different aspects of the past including clothes, food and toys. To round up our learning we are going to create our own time capsule so people in the future can learn about us!

As **scientists**, we will be exploring the five senses. To do this we will be engaging in activities such as making a sensory board using different textures like pompoms, fruit tasting to explore our sense of smell and taste and responding to calm and energetic music. Through engaging in Science in a practical way, we hope the learning will be memorable for the children and they will be excited to come home and tell you all about their learning.

English

As readers, we are developing our love for reading. Through our new book corners and library scheme, the children will get to explore new books related to our teaching topics!

As writers, we will practice composing a sentence orally before writing it. Within our sentences we will be using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Our Power of Reading book is 'The Snail and the Whale' and we will be exploring the different settings and characters in the story. We will be going on a snail hunt to find out about snails which will bring excitement and reality to our story.

Maths

As mathematicians, we are revisiting key experiences and skills from reception. This includes understanding sequences, patterns and counting up to 100. We are doing this through the use of practical experiments, games, music, and collaborative activities with our peers.

All this will get us ready for moving into more complex topics such as quantities, problem-solving with real-life examples, and the use of part-whole models to explain and represent mathematical thinking more clearly.

Computing

In Computing, we are doing an introduction to Purple Mash using the iPads. We will then be learning how to use computing creatively to create drawings, jigsaws and a game.

Art and DT

As creators, we are developing our understanding of a stable structure and how this can be achieved in our own making of a Windmill.

PSHE

We are learning about similarities and differences between our friends and us. We will celebrate our differences and recognise that we are all unique. We will also discuss what to do if we are feeling worried.

RE

We are learning about belonging and what this means to us in our everyday lives. We will also be looking at this through the lens of Christianity and Gurmat teachings and practices.

PE

In Physical Education, Year 1 will be focusing on the fundamental skills, allowing them to progress further when applied to sporting scenarios. They will be balancing, throwing and catching, co-ordination and general following instructions and how to be safe when participating in sports.

Music

As musicians we are learning all about tempo, timing and rhythm during our topic 'My Musical Heartbeat'.

Experiences

Fruit tasting in Science.

Whole School Events and Themes

Autumn One

WB 08/09/25 Homework Begins
Friday 26th September- MacMillan Cake Sale (School Council Led)
Friday 24th October- School Disco

Autumn Clubs Start- WB 23/09/25 - Ends- WB 1/12/25