



# Year 1 Spring 1

In Year 1 our learning will focus on the theme of *Wonderful Weather*. Children will explore the weather both locally and across the country, noticing how it changes and the impact it has on our environment. They will also observe and discuss the differences between seasons as we move from winter into spring. Alongside this, children will continue to develop their phonics skills and enjoy sharing a wide range of books and stories.

In **English**, the children will build on their phonics knowledge and apply this in their reading and writing.

They will write longer sentences using capital letters and full stops correctly, improve their sentences by joining ideas with *and*. They will also practise reading their writing aloud to others to check that it makes sense.

In **Science**, the children will identify and name a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will learn to recognise animals as carnivores, herbivores or omnivores, and begin to describe and compare the structures of different animals, including pets.

In **Art**, the children will explore colour mixing through playful painting activities. They will experiment with a range of tools to paint on different surfaces and create artwork inspired by artists such as Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.

In **Geography**, the children will learn about the countries and major cities that make up the United Kingdom. They will keep a daily weather record and begin to notice differences in weather patterns across the UK.



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In **Maths**, the children will complete their work on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They will work with numbers within 20, developing their counting skills and number recognition. They will also build their addition and subtraction skills, including exploring doubles and near doubles.

In **RE**, the children will listen to and retell stories from the Old and New Testaments, learn about figures such as Noah and Joseph and explore why Christians believe Jesus is special.

In **PSHE**, the children will focus on keeping safe. They will explore ways to get help when needed and how to keep themselves healthy, including looking after their bodies.

In **Computing**, the children will use J2Easy to develop their understanding of how to use a computer to create and manipulate text. They will explore different aspects of digital writing, learning how to edit, format and present their work effectively.

In **DT**, the children will use the song, 'Mouse in a Windmill' to inspire designs. They will construct a windmill for a client (mouse) to live in, after exploring various types of windmills, how they work and their key features.

In **Music**, the children will explore key musical elements. They will learn the difference between rhythm and pitch, invent their own rhythm and pitch patterns, and explore loud and quiet sounds. They will create and perform whole-class word chants.

In **PE**, the children will develop their fundamental movement skills, focusing on locomotion and stability. Alongside this, they will take part in *Fair, Share, Dare* activities which embed values such as fairness, respect and teamwork.