

Healey Foundation Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2026



Literacy

Phonics will be taught daily, and children will read in a Reading Practice Session three times a week. They will also complete a weekly Comprehension activity and Spelling Test.

Literacy will be directly linked with Phonics and Year 1 continue to write in pre-cursive. Year 1 will also look at Capital Letters. Year 1 will write a short, simple dictated sentence based on their daily sound.

They will continue to focus on their pencil grip and complete fine motor skill activities to strengthen their finger muscles.

Geography/History

Year 1 will be studying Human and Physical Geography. Year 1 will be able to locate the hot and cold areas of the world. Year 1 will be able to identify Human and Physical features.

Year 1 will also compare the UK to a non-EU country.

ICT

Year 1 will become Lego Builders and Maze Explorers.

Year 1 will understand what algorithms are and will be able to achieve a specific effect when building something. They will know that accurate instructions must be followed.

Year 1 will create and debug simple programs. They will also use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs.

Numeracy

Year 1 will start by looking at Numbers to 20. They will count and understand numbers to 20. They will be able to label and use a number line and find one more and one less and compare numbers to 20. They will also find and make number bonds to 20, studying Addition and Subtraction within 20. Towards the end of the term they will look at Numbers to 50.

In Spring 2, Year 1 will learn all about Measurement. They will measure length and height. They will then be introduced to weight, mass and capacity.

Science

Year 1 will study the change in seasons, focusing on Autumn to Winter. Year 1 will look at the Four Seasons and discuss the changes in weather.

Art/ DT

Year 1 will be looking at the topic, Creating Paper Toys. Year 1 will look at cutting skills, making paper craft animals and creating a picture illusion.

Year 1 will also be taking part in an Arts Week. We will be exploring this as a school and sharing our findings.

PSHCE/ RE

Year 1 will be focusing on how to be a good person. Year 1 will discuss their feelings, uncomfortable feelings or situations and how to speak up.

In RE, Year 1 will be looking at special places of worship and making comparisons.

Reminders: Please try and read a little each night. This is very important for your child's development and progress.

Books will be given out on a Friday. Please make sure you sign and date your child's book each time you read with them. Your child should bring their book in each day to be checked.

Spellings are handed out on a Monday. Year 1 will then be tested the following Monday.

Monday and Wednesday — Children are to come to school in their full PE Kit. This includes trainers.