

## Spring 2 in Year 1

This term our topic is Traditional Tales!

### Writing

We've been focusing on including exciting vocabulary in our writing in the first half of the Spring term and the second half term is no exception! Our whole class story will be learning the story of Jack and the Jellybean Stalk, a twist on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be looking closely at using adjectives in our writing and exploring the feelings of the main characters. Handwriting is a BIG focus too this term, ensuring all our letters sit on the line, are the relative size to each other (remembering our ascenders and our descenders). We will also be enjoying non-fiction writing this term and thinking of using bossy instructions to write a Gingerbread Man recipe.

### Phonics

In Y1 we are continuing to 'Grow the Code' of phonics! Weekly phonics information will continue to be sent home on a Friday this term. Be sure to ask your child what sounds they have learned and use the information given together. This will really help with their retention as we move towards the National Phonics Screening Check in June. Please do join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March as we discuss the Phonics Screening check and all that it entails.

### Maths

We will re-visit place value and extend ourselves to 50 this term, demonstrating how many 'tens' and how many 'ones' there are in any number to 50 (see below). Towards the end of this busy term we will be doing lots of practical learning focusing on Measuring. We will be learning to use non-standard units to measure accurately and will compare lengths using the mathematical terms "longest" and "longer than", "shortest" and "shorter than". We will then move on to comparing weight and mass and measuring it accurately and doing the same with capacity and volume.

### Science

We will begin our topic by learning about the season of Spring. We will then be doing a unit of work about materials— what they are called, how to group them and what they are best used for.

### Geography

Our objective this term in is to name, describe and compare familiar places within our local area. We will be creating our own 'aerial views' of our classrooms, exploring views of our 'village' and comparing it to the local town of Reading.

### PE

During our PE sessions we will be developing our cricket skills with U-Sports and in our Teacher led sessions we will exploring dance and rhythm in preparation for our class assemblies.

### RE

We will be learning about The Easter Story.

### Art and DT

We will be designing and making props for our Class Assemblies, our very own puppets and making Easter crafts!

### Computing

We will be looking at how to keep safe when using the internet. This will include how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private and knowing where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

### PSHE

We will be feeling good about ourselves when we make healthy choices this term, eating well, doing regular exercise. We will also look at how to keep healthy relationships and the importance of remaining calm in difficult situations.

### Music

Children are introduced to the concept of sound patterns (rhythms). They explore clapping along to repeated words and phrases, creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairytale.



### Dates to remember...

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 –  
Back to school

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Phonics Talk at  
9.10am in the Hall in  
preparation for the Phonics  
Screening Check in June

### Year 1 Performance Dates

Apple Class Assembly– 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026 at 9:20am

Cherry Class Assembly – 25<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026 at 9:20am

Plum Class Assembly - 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026 at 9:20am

Please keep an eye out in your  
child's diary for what  
costume, if any, that they  
need to bring in.

### We would be grateful for donations of:

- Scraps of material that the children can use for their puppets
- Googly eyes
- Any other sequins, beads or decorative items they could use to stick on.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 –  
School finishes at 1:15pm**

