



## Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 1!

We have an exciting term ahead, filled with new learning opportunities, creativity, and adventure. See below for further information about each subject.

### English

Our writing will be inspired by a range of adventurous stories, including *Cave Baby* and *Astro Girl*, alongside other tales that spark imagination. We will develop storytelling skills, descriptive language, and a love for reading.

### History – Childhood in the 1950s

We will explore what life was like for children in the 1950s and compare it to our lives today. Children will discover popular toys/games, learn about significant events and discover what it was like growing up in Rugby in the 1950s.

### Geography – Our Wonderful World

As geography is a brand-new subject in Year 1, we will be developing our geographical skills by exploring *Our Wonderful World*. Children will begin to understand maps, locations, and the diverse features of our planet.

### Art – Funny Faces and Fabulous Features

We will be looking closely at *Funny Faces and Fabulous Features*. We will study our friends' faces and notice incredible details we have never seen before! This will help us as we develop our drawing and observational skills.

### Design & Technology – Shade and Shelter

Our focus is *Shade and Shelter*. Children will learn how to design and construct their own dens, making sure they are strong enough to survive the wind and rain.

### Religious Education

In RE, we will be asking the questions: *What do Christians think about God?* and *What gifts might Christians have given Jesus if he had been born in Rugby rather than in Bethlehem?*, leading up to Christmas.

### PE

We will be enhancing our ball skills and fundamental movement skills, developing coordination, balance, and teamwork.

### Computing

In computing, we will be learning the importance of keeping ourselves safe online and using technology responsibly.

### Music

We will use our voices expressively and creatively through singing songs and speaking rhymes, building rhythm and confidence.

### PSHE

Children will learn from the *Being Me in my World* unit from Jigsaw PSHE to explore their identity, feelings, and place in the school community. They will learn about rights, responsibilities, and teamwork, while developing self-confidence and empathy.

### Phonics & Reading

From Monday to Wednesday, children will take part in reading groups to practise their phonics, strengthening their reading skills and building fluency. Later in the week, they will take their books home to enjoy with an adult, while we continue to develop phonics skills together in class.

### Languages

We will also be starting French this term, beginning with simple words and phrases to build our confidence in speaking another language.