

# Y1 Curriculum

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By Brook Valley C of E Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

# Welcome and introduction

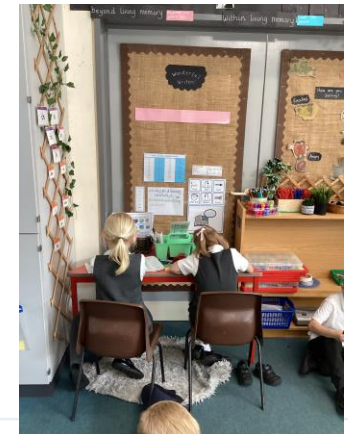
- Third year of teaching
- Second year in year 1
- I am PE lead at By Brook Valley
- I have a passion for singing and music as well as playing hockey
- 30 children in Falcons class
- Areas in the classroom for continuous provision/ challenge time.

About me and Falcons class



# Overview of Year 1 Curriculum

- Writing, Grammar, Phonics, Spelling, Handwriting & Reading
- Writing based on high-quality, engaging books
- Use of drama to inspire imagination and speaking in full sentences
- Reading to expand vocabulary and comprehension
- Encouraging sound-write skills in both reading and writing
- Use of Widgit for vocabulary and sentence starters
- Up-to-date working walls to support current learning



English



# Overview of Year 1 Curriculum

- Key life skill at the centre of our curriculum
- We encourage reading for pleasure
- Read to the children twice a day in school as a class
- Each child will be read with 1:1 at least once a week and have their books changed once a week if they have been read at home
- Extra support where needed – blue overlays, extra sound-write
- Year 6 reading buddies

Reading



# Sounds- Write Books

The books are carefully designed to match what your child has already been taught.

They may *look simple*, but your child must decode around 90% of the words independently.

This level of independence is crucial for:  
Confidence – they see “I can read this myself!”

Fluency – practicing smooth, accurate reading builds automaticity.

Enjoyment – success makes reading motivating and positive.

Your role: encourage and praise, but let your child do the decoding as much as possible.



Sounds- Write books



# Overview of Year 1 Curriculum

- Focus on number sense, counting, and basic calculations
- Hands-on, practical learning with manipulatives and games
- Developing understanding of addition, subtraction, and simple problem-solving
- Exploring shapes, measurements, and patterns
- Daily opportunities for reasoning and explaining thinking
- Use of visual aids and working walls to support learning
- Encouraging maths talk to build confidence and vocabulary



Maths



# Overview of Year 1 Curriculum

- History, geography, art, design technology, science, music, PE, computing, PSHE, and RE
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Curriculum based around questions – each week a smaller question that leads up to answering the big question.

History – What was the impact of the Great Fire of London?

Science – Are all materials hard?

RE – Who made the world?



Foundation subjects



# Supporting learning at home

- Read together daily to build vocabulary and comprehension
- Encourage children to talk about their day and ask questions
- Practice phonics and sound-write skills through fun activities
- Use everyday moments for maths: counting, sorting, measuring

Supporting learning at home



# Trips and Experiences

- Trips or Visitors linked to history/geography or science e.g. Westonbirt, Fire brigade visit, Longleat
- Church services (Harvest, Easter)
- Live music performances
- KS1 Nativity
- Art gallery
- Music concert
- Santa run, Colour run, Sports day, Whole school house tournaments
- Class assembly
- After school clubs – sports clubs, choir, art club, dance

Trips and Experiences

