

St Philip's C of E Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2026

Phonics - Children are now in phonics groups and have daily phonics for reading, spelling and writing.

English - We have been reading the story 'Traction Man'. This half term we have been focusing on the aspects of a sentence; word order, word choice, capital letters, full stops and neat handwriting and letter formation. This is linked to phonics as we are using these sounds to spell words correctly.

Maths – Place value (within 20) / addition & subtraction. Using the symbols + - = with numbers to 20. We are focusing on problem solving questions by following our checklist.

Science – Seasons, we have studied Autumn and are now studying Winter, looking at the weather, temperature, animals, plants and materials.

History – Our focus is on toys and how they have evolved from Victorian times.

Art – Colour splash – mixing colours through the use of paint.

Music – Rhythm and Pulse

PSHE – Safety and changes of the body

Computing – IWRITE – To recognize texts in different formats.

Next half term we will be learning...

Maths – Place value to 50. Children will be building on all the skills they've learnt so far and apply them with bigger numbers.

English – We will be looking at the book 'Man on the Moon'.

Reminders:

Can you label the children's clothes as it makes it easier to identify when they are misplaced.

P.E days for Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday, children to come in their P.E kit and suitable trainers.

Can children wear the correct jewelry. A small stud is a suitable option. Hoops are not allowed as they aren't safe.

All children should have suitable outdoor clothing and bring their book bag in everyday.

Homework – It is given on a Friday and should be returned on a Monday.

Finally....

The children have worked extremely hard this term and it is lovely to see the progress they have made. Regular practice of basic skills at home will help them continue to improve. Keep up the good work!