



Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents

Class Year 1 - Mrs Brooks,
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Term Autumn 1 2026 (8 weeks)



Theme What is it like here? (Geography)

THE BIG IDEA

Welcome to year 1! I hope you all had a restful and joyful Summer Break. This half term, we're embarking on an exciting geographical journey in our topic: "What is it like here?" We will learn all about maps and our local area. We'll start by finding our homes on an aerial photograph, then create maps of the classroom using everyday objects. After drawing simple maps of the school grounds, we'll use them to follow routes. Finally, we'll use our new skills to investigate how to improve the playground. In writing, we will be inspired by a selection of brilliant texts and media such as Inside Out, The Bog Baby and The Three Little Pigs.

In **READING** lessons, the children will ...



- Begin daily Essential Letters Phonics sessions.
- Consolidate phase 2, 3, and 4 sounds taught in Reception and begin to learn phase 5 sounds.
- Participate in guided reading sessions.
- Read books that match phonics level to build confidence.

In **WRITING** lessons, the children will ...



- Write a character description and innovate their own story.
- Practice constructing sentences.
- Understand when to use a capital letter.
- Learn how to write the days of the week.
- Begin to focus on using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces.

In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will



- Explore place value within 10.
- Count forwards and backwards within 10.
- Compare, sort and order objects and numbers
- Understand less than, greater than and equal to.



In **SCIENCE** we will ...

- Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple

physical properties



In **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** we will...

- Explore who is a Christian and what do they believe?



In **ICT** we will...

- Use computers more purposefully
- Log in and navigate around a computer
- Drag, drop, click and control a cursor using a mouse
- Use software tools to create art on the computer



In **DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY** we will ...

- Identify that some shapes are organic.
- Connect lines to create shapes.
- Use and recognise different types of lines when drawing shapes.
- Identify basic shapes in everyday objects and artwork.



In **MUSIC** we will ...

- Clap the rhythm of their name in time to the pulse.
- Sway or tap in time to the pulse.
- Sing a rhythm in time with the pulse.
- Copy rhythms based on word patterns using an instrument.



In **PSHCE** we will ...

- Explore the topic: Who are the people in my life who love and care for me?



PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays

In our PE lessons, the children will ...

- In this unit, the children will develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance through focused thematic stories, songs and games.

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OTHER INFORMATION

- Reading and library books are changed Friday.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- Reading daily.

