



Term 1 – Me in my World



Where do I live? What is my History?

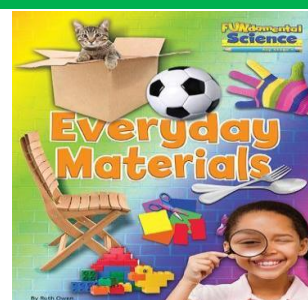
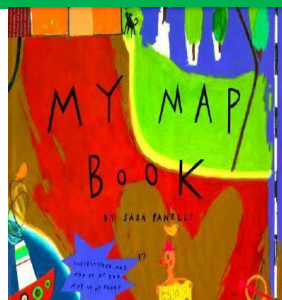
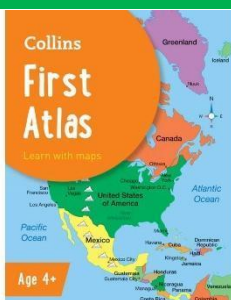
Project Overview

Our project has been off to a great start so far in Year 1.

We have enjoyed getting to know you and your children. If you haven't met us yet, the year 1 teachers are Mrs Phipps, Mrs Axtell and Mrs Sarah Scrivener. Our Teaching Assistants are Miss Hayward, Mrs Homeward, Mrs Flinders and Miss Smith.

From spotting trees and rooftops in aerial photographs to crafting messy maps of their classroom, children will become geographers, scientists and historians all in one term. They'll discover what makes their school special, use symbols and keys to guide others around it, and learn to describe locations using directional language. As they zoom out from Ladygrove to Didcot, they'll explore the difference between towns and villages, and identify the human and physical features that shape their community. In history, they'll travel through time, creating personal timelines and comparing their own childhood with that of the past. Through hands-on activities, storytelling and exploration, 'Me in My World' helps children understand where they live, how they've grown, and the world around them—past and present.

Recommended Books



This Term We Are Learning ...

English	<p><u>Read Write Inc.</u> Daily RWI storybook lessons. The children have been grouped according to their progress level, using their most recent assessments. During these sessions, they will participate in daily Speed Sounds, practise revising phonemes that they have already learnt as well as learning new sounds. The children will use 'Fred Talk' to say the sounds in words and then blend them to read words successfully. They will apply their phonic knowledge to their writing, using 'Fred Fingers' to identify the number of sounds within a word before attempting to write it. The children will also revise and practise letter formation. In addition to this, they will look at 'Speedy Green Words' which are words that they read fluently, 'Story Green Words' which they will come across in their books and 'Red Words' (it's hard to Fred a Red) identifying the tricky part that makes them difficult to sound out. The children will practise reading these words speedily before reading their storybook. The children read each book at least three times in school, the first time for accuracy, secondly for fluency and finally to develop their storytelling voice. In our separate English lessons, they will write sentences linked to a class text, concentrating on applying their sounds, checking for capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will also answer questions linked to the book we are reading, finding the evidence to support in the text.</p>
Maths	<p><u>Previous Reception Experiences and Counting Within 100</u> We will begin by revisiting and consolidating previous Reception experiences so that children confidently build on these as we move into Year 1 content. We will be learning to count within 100 in different ways, counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number. Children will learn to read and write numbers to 100 in numerals. The children will also have daily 'Fluency' lessons to secure firm foundations in the development of good 'number sense'.</p>
Science	<p><u>Everyday Materials</u> - The children will explore and name the material an object is made from.</p>
Religious Education	<p><u>What do Christians believe God is like?</u> The children will explore how Christians can learn about God from the Bible. They will also learn about the story of The Prodigal Son and the lessons Christians can learn from it. They will also learn how Christians worship God and try to live their lives to please him.</p>
Art	<p><u>Colour Mixing</u> – The children will have the opportunity to explore paintings by Clarence Cliff. They will be introduced to the primary colours and learn how these can be mixed to make secondary colours. Using these skills, children will then produce their own artwork inspired by the style and techniques of Clarence Cliff.</p>
Geography	<p>The children will identify features on aerial photographs. They will create simple maps using symbols and a key. They will be taught directional language to describe the location of features. They will describe where they live and learn the difference between a village and a town.</p>
History	<p>The children will learn about their own history. Also they will learn about what toys looked like in the past and how they have changed over time.</p>

P.E.	<p><u>Fitness (Friday)</u> The children will learn to move at speed with control and in a safe way. They will perform a variety of jumps combinations and move on and across apparatus. Throughout the unit, the children will learn to balance with control both when staying still and on the move, and play and compete against others. <i>See below for more information re. PE.</i></p> <p><u>Forest learning (Monday)</u> The children will be applying learning from other curriculum areas in a new context, such as making games using positional language, using natural materials to create a map, learning how to balance on trees and logs and identifying the seasonal changes that are taking place. Children learn how to carry sticks safely and how to respect the living things in the forest environment.</p>
Music	<p><u>Colonel Hathi's March</u> The children will learn to march in time, feeling the pulse and learning about beats in music. Musical terms will be introduced to enable the children to use these terms when responding to what they hear. The children will compose music to march to using untuned percussion instruments.</p>
PSHE	<p><u>Jigsaw: Being Me in My World</u> During our first PSHE unit of the academic year, we will discuss what makes our class a happy and safe place. We will talk about the Golden Rules and together we will create our 'Class Charter'.</p>

How To Help Your Child's Learning

Phonics/Reading:

Your child will bring home a paper copy of the RWI book they have been reading in class. This is matched to their phonics ability and will have been read at least three times in school so your child should be able to read the book independently, with a little encouragement. In addition, your child will bring home an unknown 'Book Bag Book', also matched to their phonic ability. As they will not have read this book before, they will need to apply their phonic knowledge to decode the words. They should be able to do this fairly independently but may require a little support. Please read with your child at least three times a week (more if possible!) and write the title and a brief comment in their reading diary. It is important to re-read the books over a few days so that your child can develop fluency, confidence and feel successful. In addition to reading the books, you can build your child's fluency by using the tables of 'speedy green words' and 'red words' printed in the paper copy of the book that they bring home.

As well as this, they will choose a 'Book Talk Book'; these vary greatly in the level of difficulty and are therefore more for a shared read and to encourage/develop rich discussion. Your child may change their 'Book Talk Book' at any time during the week and are encouraged to do this independently.

Please ensure that your child's reading folder (including their diary, 'RWI Book' and 'Book Talk Book') are in school every day, as we will be reading with the children throughout the week, changing books regularly and commenting on home reading in their reading diaries.

We will also use Google Classroom (where appropriate) to send links to the Ruth Miskin portal, providing videos to practise the sounds they have been learning in class, speed up their word reading or practise reading longer words.

Homework

In addition to regular home reading, your child will be expected to complete at least 10 minutes practice of key number facts a week. This will develop recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction and will be completed using an online platform called 'Numbots'. After the Maths workshop, we will set Mastering Number at home activities on a fortnightly basis for the children to complete at home to develop number fluency. If your child is able to manage their Numbots practice in addition to the Mastering Number tasks that would be beneficial, however please prioritise the Mastering Number activities and return the diaries when you have completed these. Occasionally project homework will be set on Google Classroom on Fridays and is due by the following Tuesday. Please send a message to your child's teacher if you need anything explaining further or if your child has difficulty completing the task in the allocated time. If you have difficulty accessing Google Classroom, please ask your child's teacher for a paper copy.

Key Vocabulary

Project words:

aerial, photo, house, trees, fields, roads, map, bird's eye, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, object, material, features, aerial view, symbols, left, right, between, close to, beside, far, near, in front, next to, behind, directional language, town, village, city, Didcot, human, physical, natural, man-made

Maths vocabulary:

Number names from zero to one hundred
number
numeral
digit
greater/fewer than
more/less than
equal to.

Music vocabulary:

Pitch (high pitch/low pitch)
Beats
Tempo
Timbre

Items Related To Our Project

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Information For This Term

PE: All PE lessons will be taught outside when possible. Y1 PE will be on **Friday afternoon for both classes.**

Children will need to **come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.** This consists of a dark pair of tracksuit trousers or shorts (black), a white t-shirt, a plain, black, warm sweatshirt or jacket and a pair of comfortable sports trainers. Please also ensure that **long hair is tied back** and children have **earrings removed** or are able to take them out themselves. This is for health and safety reasons and children will be unable to participate if they have earrings in.

Forest learning : Children will need to **come to school in their school in their PE kit every Monday please.** This needs to be their white T-shirt, dark long-sleeved tracksuit top and long, dark tracksuit trousers. They will need to bring wellington boots and waterproofs (if the forecast is rain) in a bag.

Reminders

- Children must bring fresh drinking **water** (no other drinks please) daily in a **named**, clear bottle with a sports cap.
- Although free fruit is always available for children in KS1, if preferred, they may bring fruit or vegetables from home to eat at snack time.
- In the interest of health & safety, please do not send your child to school with any food containing nuts (unfortunately, this does include many chocolate spreads). We have a number of children in our school who have severe nut allergies, so this is of great importance.
- As there is limited space in the children's trays, please only keep what is necessary in their book bags. We would also appreciate it if you could avoid attaching fluffy toys etc to the book-bag handle and not to bring backpacks to school if possible.
- We would really appreciate a voluntary contribution of £5 per term to help us purchase items such as playdough and cooking ingredients and small resources to enhance our projects etc. Thank-you SO much.

Finally, in the interest of safety, if someone other than the usual adults will be collecting your child, please always let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns, then you can contact us on the school email:

office.3859@all-saints.oxon.sch.uk

Thank you,

The Year 1 Team

Term Dates

Tues 7th October- Year 6 Cake Sale (School hall)

Wed 8th October- Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 10th October- School Closed for INSET

Tues 14th October- Year 6 IMPS visit (on site)

Thurs 16th October -Year 6 IMPS visit (on site)

Tue 21st October- **Key Stage 2 History Day.** Children can come to school on this day dressed in costume linking to their History based project. Year 3 - Stone Age to Iron Age, Year 4 - Romans, Year 5 - Egyptians, Year 6 - World War II.

Fri 24th October- School closes for half-term

Non-uniform (£1 donation)

Half Term

Mon 3rd November - School opens

Tuesday 4th November- Open Morning for prospective parents 2026

9.30-10.30 and 1.30-2.30

Monday 10-14th November- Year 6 Kilvrough Trip

Wed 12th November- 2.15pm- **Year 1 Maths Workshop**

This is a chance to learn about our approach to maths in Year 1 and how you can support your child at home with Maths. You will be given a pack of activities to support your child at home.

Thursday 13th November- 2.30pm Reception Maths workshop

This is a chance to learn about our approach to maths in Reception and how you can support your child at home with Maths. You will be given a pack of activities to support your child at home.

Tuesday 18th November Years 2- 6 Maths Workshop

Session 1 2.30-3 or Session 2 3.30-4

This is a chance to find out about our approach to Maths in Years 2-6 and how you can support your child at home.

Tues 25th November- **Parents Evening 3.30-6.30** (information to follow) Work will be available during this time for you to see your child's hard work and progress.

Wed 26th November- Wizard Theatre performance of "The Reluctant Dragon".

Years 3-6 performance at 9.00am.

KS1 and Reception performance at 10.15am.

Thank you to ASSA for funding this for our children.

Thurs 27th November- **Parents Evening 3.30-6.00** (information to follow) Work will be available during this time for you to see your child's hard work and progress.

Tues 2nd December- Year 5 Cake Sale (school hall)

Wed 3rd Dec Full Governing Body Meeting

Mon 8th Dec 2.00pm – EYFS Nativity to parents , 5.30pm – Year 2 Nativity to Parents

Tues 9th December- 10.00am- EYFS Nativity to parents, 1.30pm – Year 2 Nativity to Parents

Wed 10th December- **Reception/KS1 School Christmas Dinner**

Thurs 11th December- KS2 School Christmas Dinner, Reception Christmas Party – Hall & Community Hall PM

Fri 12th December- **KS1 Christmas Party** – Hall & Community Hall PM

Tues 16th December- KS2 Carol Service in the School Hall 2pm- Families invited

Thurs 18th December- Nursery end of term

Fri 19th December- Non uniform (Festive Dress). School Closes @ 2.00pm