

## Years 1 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Our topic this term is The Great Outdoors

Over the term, the children in Year 1 will be learning about the following:

<b>Maths</b> Units of work will be addition and subtraction to 20, place value to 50, length and height and weight and volume.  We will be working on times table challenges this term. A fabulous website for practicing times tables is Top Marks, particularly the hit the button game. <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths</a> <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a>		<b>English</b> The texts that we will cover this term are: Grandad's Island (fiction), Seasons (non-fiction), When I am by Myself (poetry) and Our Trip to the Woods (non-fiction).  The children are currently working hard in their phonics lessons ready for the phonics screening check in the summer term. Regular reading at home will hugely benefit the children with their reading in school. Grammar and spellings are taught within our phonics and English sessions alongside handwriting.	
<b>Science</b> We will be learning about animals groups and ways we can care for our planet, developing our scientific research skills and learning about Seasonal changes from Winter to Spring.	<b>ICT</b> We will be discussing online safety, sorting and grouping information and exploring everyday uses of technology.	<b>Geography</b> We will be learning about the United Kingdom, naming and labelling the countries and learning the continents of the world.	<b>History</b> We will be looking at the life of Wangari Matthai, why she is important and why she won the Nobel Peace prize. We will also be discussing ways her work can help us today.
<b>PE</b> Our PE day will be on a Wednesday - please remember no earrings. This term we will be developing our Gymnastics skills and learning about invasion games.	<b>RE</b> We will be asking the big questions 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' and 'Who do Christians say made the world?'	<b>Music</b> In our music lessons, we will be looking at the units 'In the Groove' and 'Once upon a time'.	<b>Art/DT</b> In Art, we will focus on painting and printing. We will look at Sunflowers by Van Gogh. Our DT will look at healthy eating, fruits and vegetables.

**PSHE Themes**

We will be thinking about what helps us to stay healthy.

We will also think about why money is important and how we can use it.

**Homework:**

We will continue to ask children to read at least 5 times a week at home and have their reading record signed by an adult. This helps them to earn their Hinguar stars and have a chance of bringing home Barney.

All children will also have their times tables challenge to work on.

**Please encourage your child to:**

Come into school ready to learn.

Be in the correct school uniform.

Read at home to an adult on a daily basis.

Complete times tables practise.

Wear the appropriate, named, PE kit on Wednesdays. Remember

- no earrings to be worn on PE days.

**General Notices:**

We are asking that all children bring their own named bottle of water each day. Filled with fresh water, not juice/squash please.

Should you need to talk to Mrs Oakley please either; write a note in the home/school contact book or leave a message via the office, via [teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk](mailto:teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk) .