

Years 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year.

Our topic this term is Terrific Toys.

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

Maths Units of work will be: Place value Number facts and counting Addition and subtraction Shape Children will also take part in a daily maths lesson where mental skills are practised and will be working on times table challenges.		English The texts that we will cover this term are; The Colour Monster (fiction). It's the Bear (fiction), Firework Night (poetry) Toys From the Past (non-fiction) and Grumpy Badger (fiction) Regular phonics, grammar and handwriting are also taught as part of English lessons. We will also teach spelling within English and phonics lessons.	
Science We will be developing our enquiry and research skills and learning about the human body and materials. We will also be thinking about seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter.	ICT We will be discussing online safety, technology outside of school and grouping and sorting.	Geography We will be looking at daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and recording this in a weather diary.	History We will be comparing toys from the past, (within living memory) to current toys. We will also be learning about the significant event of the Gunpowder plot and Remembrance Day.
PE Our PE days will be Monday and Friday. Please remember no earrings should be worn on PE days. Please ensure PE kits are named.	RE We will be asking the big questions 'Who do Christians say made the world?' and 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'	Music In music, we will be looking at how to use voices expressively and exploring percussion. Our music units will be Hey You and Christmas.	Art/DT In art we will focus on drawing with control. We will look at the artist Piet Mondrian. Our DT will look at creating moving pictures using sliders.

PSHE Themes

We will be thinking about what is the same and what is different about us. We will also be reflecting on who is important to us.

We will share the Colour Monster stories and explore different feelings using the Zones of Regulation.

Homework:

In Year 1, children are encouraged to read at home to an adult and have their reading record signed at least 5 times each week.

We have a special bear in Oyster class called Barney, who loves to read! Every Friday, those children who have read to an adult at home 5 or more times during the week will be put into a draw and have the opportunity to take Barney home for some weekend reading.

The children are also asked to work on their times tables challenges.

Please encourage your child to:

Come into school ready to learn.

Be in the correct school uniform.

Be in the playground between 8.35 and 8.45.

Read at home to an adult daily, and have their book signed.

Complete weekly timetables practise.

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, leave a message via the office, email: office@hinguar.secat.co.uk or catch her at the end of the school day. Please wait until she has ensured all children are with their parents before coming to speak to her as this helps to ensure the children's safety.

Hinguar Stars and Reading

If your child reads to an adult (and has had their contact book signed) 5 times during the week, they are able to achieve their Hinguar Star.

Your child will bring home a phonetically decodable book to read with you. Books will be changed weekly. Reading record books will be checked regularly for messages.

Thank you for your continued support.