

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

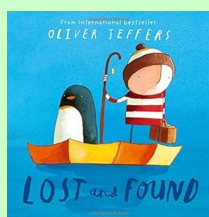
Term 1 2025-2026

Hello and welcome to Year 1! Firstly, we hope that you had a great summer break and are ready to be welcomed into Key Stage 1. We are excited to begin this new year with your child and have lots of exciting things planned to capture their interest and imagination.

Miss Underdown and Mrs Morrell

English

This term in English, we will be exploring the text *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffries. The children will be focusing on sentence structure by



combining words to make sentences, use capital letters and full stops and use finger spaces between words. They will use these key skills to write an adventure story based on the story.

Maths

In maths, we are going to be exploring place value within 10. This will include sorting, counting, 1 more, 1 less, less than, greater than, equal to and comparing and ordering numbers. We will explore this through different provision activities.

Phonics and reading

At Wouldham, we follow the Little Wandle Scheme. Children will have both phonic and guided reading sessions every day and a reading book correlating to their reading abilities will be uploaded on the site each Friday. We ask that you record the reading your child does at home in your child's Reading Record.

Science

In Science, the children will be learning about animals including humans. They will discuss animals that are pets or not pets and learn about the groups of animals such as amphibians, birds, fish, mammals and reptiles. The children will also learn about animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

History

Studying history helps us understand how events in the past made things the way they are today. This term, the children will be learning about how they are making history. They will develop an understanding of personal chronology, learn more about history and compare childhood now with childhood in the past.

Music

In music, the children will learn to identify the difference between the pulse and rhythm of a song and consolidate their understanding of these concepts through listening and performing activities. The children will learn to clap the rhythm to their names, sing the overall shape of a melody and play in time to music.



RE

Our RE this term begins with the enquiry question 'What do Christians believe God is like?' The children will learn about the parable 'The Lost Son' and be able to give clear, simple accounts of what the story means to Christians.

DT

In DT, the children will be making a variety of moving pictures using different mechanisms, including sliders, levers, pivots and wheels.



Art

In art, the children will be learning about the work of Danish artist Molly Haslund. Molly Haslund is an artist who makes drawings outside using her body as a tool. The children will build an understanding about the way they can make marks on a drawing surface using their bodies.



PE

In Year I, PE is taught twice a week. The days for each class are as follows:

Wagtail Class - Monday and Thursday

Kingfisher Class - Monday every week. Thursday alternate weeks— dates have been advised.

We ask that you ensure that your child arrives to school in their PE kit for their sessions. Earrings are not to be worn during PE. If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, we ask that they do not wear them to school that day.



Forest School

We are delighted to announce that Forest School will be offered to the children in Year I across the whole of the academic year. Forest School gives children the unique opportunity to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands on way and allows children to explore play and problem solve through a range of activities. Our Forest School Lead, Mrs Baldwin, has an array of exciting activities for our children and will deliver these sessions on alternate weeks.



Class	Dates of sessions (<i>Wagtail will have an extra session this term</i>)
Wagtails	5th September, 19th September 3rd October, 17th October
Kingfisher	12th September, 26th September, 10th October

Reminders

- Please could you send in your child's Reading Record **every day** so that we can celebrate the reading and progress your child is making at home and at school.
- It can be challenging for the children and staff to locate cardigans fleeces, jumpers or coats if they are not named. Please ensure all clothing is named.

Any queries please contact your child's teacher via the school office or with a note. Please do not use the reading records as a contact book. Thank you. Miss Underdown and Mrs Morrell