

Topic Planner - Year 1 - Spring Term 2026

English

Discussion and debate
 Inferring about characters
 Composing questions
 Poetry and performance
 Acting in role
 Writing in role and for different purposes
 Creating links to personal experiences
 Presenting research
 Editing and publishing

Other English focuses:

Verbalising ideas prior to writing
 Phonics, dictation and Spelling strategies
 Handwriting and pencil control
 Recall and use of the alphabet
 Grammar including verbs, personal pronouns, punctuation, prefixes and suffixes
 Reading and comprehension with adults
 Shared stories
 Expanding vocabulary

Key Texts:

"The Secret Sky Garden" written by Linda Sarah
 "10 Things I Can Do to Help My World" written by Melanie Walsh
 "The Tale of the Whale" by Karen Swann
 "A planet full of plastic" by Neal Layton

Music

Creating and performing a cumulative song with expression
 Exploring sounds and rhythm

RE

Learning about the daily life of a Hindu child. The importance of rituals and Holi.

Geography

Knowledge and skills:

Map symbols
 Locating familiar places on a map
 Identifying countries in the UK
 Comparing Crawley to other places in the world
 Locality Fieldwork
 Creating 3D maps of Year One outside area

Our local environment

Science

Animals including humans
 Naming and identifying common animals before considering their structure and eating habits.
 The human body and the use of our senses.

Our key questions include: Do all animals eat the same food? Which of our senses is the most accurate at identifying food? Do all animals hunt?

Outdoor Learning Opportunities

Forest School
 Geography
 Litter picking, composting, Eco lessons

Maths

Number formation
 Count, read and write numbers to 50
 Number bonds up to and including 20
 Addition and subtraction within 20.
 Place Value (numbers to 50)
 Measurement of length and height
 Measurement of weight and volume
Number Sense
 Subitising numbers
 Link number bonds to 10 linked to part, part whole models.
 Recall missing parts for numbers within 10.
 Use language greater than and less than and the symbols <, > and =.

Computing

Technology around us
 Grouping data
 Logging on/typing

PE

Gymnastics
 Big ball skills
 Skipping

DT - Kites

Generating ideas and comparing similar products
 Creating and evaluating our own kite

Art - Printing

Introduction to print making
 Making individual print stamps
 Creating a print

PSHCE

What helps us to stay healthy?
 How can we look after each other and the world.