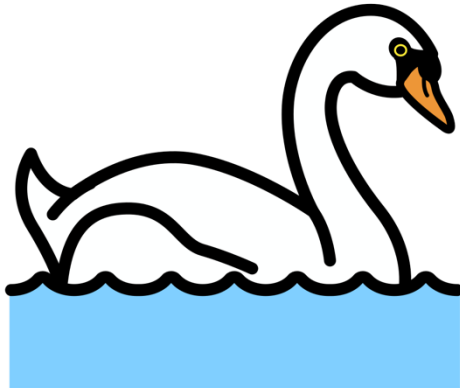


**CURRICULUM INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS**

**Autumn Term 1
2026**



Swans

Mrs Turner-Horn

Welcome to Year One

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and exploring our new topics.

Homework

Daily reading at home is strongly encouraged. Your child will be sent home with a reading record, which we ask parents to write in when they have shared a book at home, or if your child has read independently. Children will be asked to bring these into school daily. Books will be changed ones the children have completed three reads at school.

PE

The children will take part in two PE sessions per week, one indoor and one outdoor. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit and are dressed appropriately for all weathers.

PE days are: Monday and Thursday.

School website

Please use our school website <https://www.kiwi.wilts.sch.uk/> for regular updates and copies of letters sent home.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team

Mrs Turner-Horn and Mrs Matthews.

English

This term, we will use an approach inspired by Drawing Club, where children explore stories through discussion, drawing and writing. Our key texts include Katie in London, The Hairy Toe, and The Dot, helping to develop children's vocabulary, imagination and early writing skills.

Children will also take part in daily phonics lessons and reading groups matched to their reading ability. Please support your child by reading with them at home every day.

History

We will be exploring the differences between schools in the past and how schools are now. Children will be understanding that although schools have been around for a long time, they have not always been the same. We will also be identifying historical similarities and differences, using a range of sources to recognise continuity between children's lives past and present.

Music

This term, children will explore pulse and rhythm through singing, movement, musical games and percussion. They will learn to keep a steady beat, create simple rhythmic patterns, and begin to compose and perform their own music using a range of sounds.

Art

We will be looking at 'Life in colour.' And exploring the primary and secondary colours. Children will be able to describe in detail what they see, make predictions on what will happen when two colours mix, and then explore this. Children will build on their artistic skills in order to make a collage – including a variety of colours, textures and materials.

Maths

This term, Year 1 will focus on place value by counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20. Children will learn to recognise tens and ones, find one more and one less, compare numbers using mathematical symbols (<, > and =), and use number lines to support their understanding. Towards the end of the term, they will also begin learning to recognise and count coins and notes.

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The world of wonder

PE

This term we will be learning badminton and orienteering.

In badminton children will develop their badminton skills through games and activities, learning to control the shuttle, use a racket, move and coordinate their bodies, rally with others, and take part in simple group games.

In Orienteering, Children will learn to use simple compass directions, communicate and work with others, move in different ways, follow rules and play fairly, solve problems, and take part in a simple orienteering competition.

Science

In science we will be learning about 'Habitats.' We will be discovering how living things grow, move, take on nutrients and get rid of waste. Children will learn the difference between living, non-living and never alive and will sort animals and objects into these categories.

We will also develop our knowledge of animals and plants being a producer, predator or prey.

Computing

Our focus in computing will be 'What is a computer?'

We will be able to recognise different forms of technology, explain the roles of computers in the world around us, name some elements of a computer and their functions and designing our own inventions which include inputs and outputs.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring our SOAR value of Respect through our weekly assemblies. In class, we will be following the SCARF unit 'Me and My Relationships', where we will create our ideal classroom, learn about the importance of rules and attentive listening, and explore different feelings and how they can affect our bodies and behaviour. We will also learn about friendship, kindness, resolving conflicts, and ways to manage difficult feelings and situations respectfully.

Enrichment activities

Friday 11th September – Meet the Teacher at 3:20pm and 3:45pm.