Learning in Key Stage One

Curriculum Overview & Key Learning Focus — AUTUMN 2 — 2026

📚 English / Phonics (ReaWriteInc)

Key Texts: The Christmasaurus (Tom Fletcher) & The Polar Express (Chris Van Allsburg).

Writing Aims: Writing to describe, narrate, and entertain.
Phonics: Building reading speed and fluency.

🔢 Mathematics (2D & 3D Shapes)

Year 1: Naming & sorting 2D and 3D shapes, addition & subtraction, number bonds, number lines.

Year 2: Properties of 2D and 3D shapes (faces, edges, vertices), shape patterns, addition & subtraction.

🔬 Science (Seasonal Changes)

Observing changes across the four seasons, weather patterns, and varying daylight hours.

Key Questions: How do trees change over seasons? Which season has the most sunlight?

🌍 Geography (Where We Live)

Identifying world continents and oceans, UK countries and capitals. Describing our local area.

✨ Magic Moment: Local area walk to explore our surroundings.

🎖️ History (Remembrance)

Why we wear poppies, poppy symbolism, Armistice Day, and local remembrance history.
✨ Magic Moment: Making a class wreath for the war memorial outside the Priory Church.

🏃 Physical Education (Ball Skills)

Winter Dance: Performing choreographed dances using movement patterns.

Ball Skills: Running, jumping, throwing, catching, balance, and coordination.

🛠️ Design & Technology

Moving Pictures: Design and create a moving Christmas card using slider and lever mechanisms.

DT hero of the half term: Margarete Steiff was a talented seamstress who overcame childhood polio to found the world-famous Steiff toy company.

💻 Computing (Digital Art)

Painting using computers: Exploring digital painting tools, colors, brush widths, and geometric shapes to design digital art.

Online relationships: Learning how to stay safe online and building respectful digital friendships.

❤️ PSHE & Values

Valuing Difference: Recognising individuality, celebrating differences, and understanding how our actions affect others.

WHOLE SCHOOL VALUE: TOLERANCE

⛪ Religious Education

How and why do we celebrate significant times? What makes celebrations sacred to believers?
• Recognise a special time pupils celebrate and explain simply what celebration means.
• Identify and name at least 3 different religious festivals, giving two facts about each one.

🎵 Music

Nativity play performance & festive songs.

Musical Hero: Andrew Lloyd Webber
Song Focus: "Any Dream Will Do"