Spring Term 2025 - Year 1

We use the National Curriculum as the basis for our teaching and learning opportunities. Below are the cross curricular links we use to enhance our curriculum in order to enrich children's learning. These are the themes we aim to cover through our enriching curriculum however as the curriculum theme evolves, we may use the ideas and creative inspiration of the children as a springboard for broadening and deepening their learning.

Engagement Topic Title and driver (History, Geography or STEAM)		**Look Up!** (History and Geography Focus)		
Focus Events	Safer Internet Day		Science Week	World Book Day
Enrichment Trips and visitors	TBC History of Flight			
Religious Education	Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem		Branch 4 Desert to Garden	
English Cross Curricular links: See overleaf for focus books	**Writing** Instruction writing, recounts – eyewitnesses, non-chronological report, newspaper report and poetry linked to The First Flight and Moon Landing	**Phonics** STEP 5	**Grammar** Finger spaces, capital letters for names and places, full stops, conjunctions, commas and exclamation marks	**Spellings** Linked to weekly graphemes
Mathematics Cross Curricular links	Addition and Subtraction within 20	Place Value within 50	Length and Height	Weight and Volume
Science	**Everyday Materials** - Have an understanding between an object and the material it is made from. - Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. - Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.		**Seasonal Changes** - Observe changes from Winter to Spring – (cross curricular links) - Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	**Working Scientifically** - Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways. - Observing closely, using simple equipment. - Performing simple tests and using observations to suggest answers to questions
Computing	E-Safety – Understand the importance of using the internet safely – Safer Internet Day Use iPads to create green screen Moon Landing reports Use technology to create pictograms and tally charts Create a simple program – sequence of instructions for a Bee Bot			
History	Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally – The First Flight (Wright Brothers) and Apollo 11 (Neil Armstrong) Children explore the first flight and how flight has changed. Children to learn about the Apollo 11 launch and the Moon Landing and how space travel has changed – Tim Peake.			
Geography	**Locational knowledge** - naming, locating and identifying characteristics of four countries and capital cities of the UK. **Geographical skills and fieldwork -** use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.			
Art	To experiment with paint and chalk pastel and explore the colours and materials that work well on a darker background. To explore how to blend chalk pastel and new ways of applying paint using items in and around the classroom.			
Art Great	Peter Thorpe - abstract space pictures. Use different techniques and a variety of media; paint, collage and oil pastel to create their own pictures in the style of his work.			
D.T	Design and build their own 'Wright Flyer' using different materials. Design and create their own Apollo 11			
Design Great	Wright Brothers			
P.E	Practise basic movements including developing balance, agility and co-ordination in gymnastics.		Rugby / Football Skills	
Music	Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Play tuned and detuned instruments musically			
French	To explore names of family members and pets			
PSHCE	Fire safety, road safety, safer internet day, mental health and wellbeing (feelings)			
UN goal	Peace, justice and strong institutions			

Year 1 Spring Term Bookshelf

Blown away — Rob Biddulph — Up, up, away! A Penguin Blue adventure

PAPER PLANES — Jim Helmore and Richard Jones

The Wright Brothers — By Mary Nhin — Mini Movers and Shakers

Amelia Earhart — By Mary Nhin — Mini Movers and Shakers

Nobody Owns the Sky — THE STORY OF BRAVE BESSIE COLEMAN — Reeve Lindbergh — Illustrated by Pamela Paparone

Cece LOVES SCIENCE — KIMBERLY DERTING and SHELLI R. JOHANNES — Illustrations by VASHTI HARRISON

MAN ON THE MOON (a day in the life of Bob) — SIMON BARTRAM — 20 YEARS OF BOB

Whatever Next! — Jill Murphy

Goodnight Spaceman — Michelle Robinson • Nick East — With a letter from ESA ASTRONAUT Tim Peake

The Invisible String — Patrice Karst — THE BESTSELLING PHENOMENON THAT HAS INSPIRED READERS AROUND THE WORLD

The WAY BACK HOME — From international bestseller OLIVER JEFFERS

Neil Armstrong — Little People, BIG DREAMS — Written by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara — Illustrated by Christophe Jacques

MAE AMONG THE STARS

LOOK UP! — by Nathan Bryon — illustrated by Dapo Adeola

I CAN ONLY DRAW WORMS — by Will Mabbitt

HENRI AND THE MACHINE — ISABELLE MARINOV — OLGA LUTSENKO

The OWL WHO WAS Afraid of the Dark — Jill Tomlinson

RABBIT & BEAR — Rabbit's Bad Habits — "A laugh-out-loud story" NEIL GAIMAN — JULIAN GOUGH & JIM FIELD

THE GET WELL SPELL — Hannah Peckham

POLLY AND THE SCREEN TIME OVERLOAD — by BETSY CHILDS HOWARD — Illustrated by SAMARA HARDY