



Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents,

The KS1 team would like to extend their thanks to all of our parents and carers for their Christmas wishes and kind gifts. We hope that you have all had a super Christmas and a very happy new year.

This term our topics are 'Shiver me Timbers' and 'Fire Fire!' Full details of both topics can be found on our curriculum map, which can be accessed via our school website [here](#).

Trips and Visitors

Towards the end of this half term we will be hosting a 'Pirate Day' for the children, a letter with full details will be sent to you in the few weeks with more details and information. Note: There is no additional cost to parents for this experience.

As you already know we have also organised an exciting visit by 'Those History People' where the children will be given the opportunity to take part in a Great Fire of London workshop. You will have seen an email with a letter showing details of how to give permission for your child to take part, costume ideas and how to pay for this using the School Gateway App. This also includes payment for a future trip after the Easter holidays (Chelmsford Museum) but please speak to one of us if you have any queries. The letter can be accessed via our website [here](#).

Supporting your child at home

We say this every term but reading really is the single most important thing that you can do to support your child at home - listen to them read, read to them, talk about stories and share books. Try to do something every day, and please record your reading activities in your child's reading record.

Spellings will be given to children every Friday for them to practice over the weekend and into the next week. Each Friday we will have a spelling quiz. The words are Year 1 and 2 high frequency words and are vital for their development in reading and writing.

School Uniform

Just a quick note to remind parents that our school uniform policy states that pupils should wear **black shoes** to school as part of their school uniform, (not black trainers). These should be black in the entirety. Due to lack of space in our cloakrooms, we actively encourage children to bring their reading book and reading record in a book bag rather than a rucksack. Rucksacks will be more appropriate in KS2 when they each have a locker.

This half term Tigers class will have forest school sessions every Wednesday, Lions and Leopards will have Music with Mrs Chilver and PE with Mr Marks. Please make sure they all have appropriate clothes for these subjects.

A word about PE kits

PE is part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, as we don't have spare. Each child needs to have: a plain white T shirt, burgundy shorts and trainers. As we enter into the coldest part of the year, they will also need tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. Spare socks for the girls who wear tights are also a good idea. Also, following Essex Local Authority guidance, children must take out their own earrings before PE. Unfortunately we are not able to assist them with this so if they are unable to take them out independently they will need to miss that session. Alternatively, please could they be taken out before school on a PE day.

Naming Items

Please name everything! Our lost property drawers soon become full of unnamed items, and it is almost impossible to return them to their rightful owner if they don't have a name on them. We are looking forward to the exciting term ahead. Thank you for all your continued support.

The KS1 Team