

Spring Term 2025 Curriculum Guide

Toucans Class



Welcome to Toucans Class!
We hope you will find this guide useful.

Our Learning This Term

English:

Phonics & Spellings - We will have daily phonics lessons focussing on the alternate spellings for the sounds the pupils already know to support them to read a wide range of words and to become confident readers. Year 1 will be completing the Phonics Screening Check later this academic year (in the Summer Term).

Reading - During our week we have guided reading sessions, whole class reading as well as 1:1 and independent reading time. We provide as many opportunities to practise reading as possible.

Writing - This term we will have a whole school focus on the book Starbird by Sharon King-Chai, exploring different elements of writing. Then we will move onto looking at poetry and a recount text. We will be using the books 'Oi Frog' and 'Ruby's worries'.

Maths: In Maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, length and height and statistics. They will be mainly practical with some written activities which focus on building up the children's fluency in mathematical language and processes. Purple Mash and DoodleMaths will be used to help support this further which the children can access at home as well as at school to further consolidate their learning.

Science: Our Science this term will be looking at identifying animals and different types of habitats. We will be looking at a range of different common pets, mammals, birds and amphibians. We will be looking at different habitats and discussing the importance of a habitat for animals and living things. During the topic we will also learn how to care for and look after a pet.

History: After half term, our History lessons this term will focus on how schools were different in the past. We will be looking at how schools have changed over the past 100 years and the effect this had on children today. We will be using skills such as comparing, questioning, ordering and researching to discover this.

Geography: Our Geography topic will be 'Sensational Safari'. We will be learning about the geography of Kenya through focusing on human and physical features of the country including Kenyan wildlife, landscapes and culture.

PSHE: Our PSHE work will be based on our school 'jigsaw' programme. The focus for this half term will be discussing our dreams and goals. The focus after half term will be how we can be healthy.

RE: Our RE work this term will be focusing on 'Nature and God'. In this topic, pupils will learn how nature can be important across religions. After half term, we will be looking at 'Beginning and Endings'. We will explore how beginnings and endings are marked in special ways in different religions and their own lives. In every topic we cover we will study all the six major religions.

PE: Mr Sinclair will be focusing on gymnastics this term and Mrs Springall will be focusing on dance this term. P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Computing: Our computing work will be based on using the programme Purple Mash which the children have access to at home as well as school. We will be learning how to code, how to use a spreadsheet and internet safety. We will also be looking about Questioning and why questions are important for programming.

Music: This term in music, we will be focusing on aquarium-inspired music looking at different compositions, learning a sea-themed song and then we will move onto a chant called 'Football' where the children will practise the chant and create a simple ostinato on untuned percussion.

Art: In art, we will be focusing on being introduced or reintroduced to the colour wheel and mixing colours. We will be having an open and explorative approach to art using watercolours. Children will learn how to control the watercolours and develop their skills of painting with it. In Spring 2, the children will be focusing on sculpture and making a 3D bird using different methods of paper folding. The class birds will then be brought together to make a 'flock'. This will complement our book Starbird, learnt in the first term, alongside our Science unit all about animals and their habitats.

General Information

Monday: Mrs Payne and Mrs Burningham

Tuesday: Mrs Springall and Mrs Burningham

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Thursday: Mrs Springall and Mrs Burningham

Friday: Mrs Payne and Mrs Burningham

Please remember to send your child in with their book bag and reading book daily.

A named waterproof jacket and water bottle should also be brought to school daily. As the weather warms up, a named sunhat should also be brought to school daily with sun cream applied in the morning when required.

Home Learning

Reading Book: Please read with your child at least four times a week and sign their reading record. Please send the book and reading record to school daily. Your child's reading book will be changed on a Friday. Your child will change their library book on a Monday. If your child wants a challenge book, please speak to a member of Toucan's team!

Online platforms: Your child has login details for PurpleMash and DoodleLearning which are the online platforms we use to help develop fluency in Maths. The use of these will be monitored by us and your child can earn a marble for our class treat jar.

Google Classroom: We will endeavour to regularly send pictures of your children's learning and class messages and updates through Google Classroom.

Reading Toucan: Tuffy will be assigned to your child at least once throughout the year. Tuffy loves being read to and will bring his hot chocolate ready to listen to a story read by either you or your child. Please send pictures and/or writing in via Google Classroom ready for your child to share with the class.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning then please feel free to email us. We would also appreciate good feedback too - this helps to shape the planning going forwards.

*Thank you for your continued support,
Toucans team*