

Autumn Term 2025 Curriculum Guide

Toucans Class



Welcome to Toucans Class!

This term our main focus will be on getting your children enthusiastic about being in school, helping them to be ready to learn. We hope you will find this guide useful.

Our Learning This Term

English:

Phonics & Spellings - We have a daily Little Wandle phonics lesson in Year 1 and a review in Year 2, alongside spellings. Initially, we will assess the class and then focus on any review or consolidation needed.

Reading - In school, we have guided reading sessions, 1:1 independent reading time and daily whole class storytime where we share a range of chapter and picture books. The children also have regular time in the library to choose an extra book to bring home for the week. We run shared reading sessions on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings where we invite parents to stay and read with their child for 10 minutes. Reading will be our main focus this term so we hope to provide as many opportunities to practise as possible, both at school and at home.

Writing - Our main focus this term is on pencil control, correct letter formation and writing independently. Our written work will be linked to a range of books from different genres and this term we will be looking at traditional tales, diaries, poetry and letter writing. We will be exploring these through a range of activities to get the children really enthusiastic about writing.

Maths:

Our Maths work will be as practical as possible focussing on building up the children's fluency in mathematical language and number. We will be thinking about how we recognise a group of numbers without having to count, comparing numbers and place value before moving onto basic addition and subtraction. DoodleMaths will be used to help support this further which they will need to access at home as well as at school.

Science: Our Science focus this half term will be based on our bodies where we will be naming and finding out about different body parts as well as looking at the senses. Next half term we will move on to thinking about seasonal changes.

Geography: In Geography this half term, we will be learning about the UK and asking 'What is it like here?'. We will be comparing towns and areas of countryside, naming the countries that make up the UK and thinking about our capital city.

History: In History, we will be asking 'What is History?', making our own simple timeline and recalling three memories about a past event.

PSHE: Our PSHE work will be based on our school 'jigsaw' programme, where our topics will be 'Being Me' and 'Celebrating Our Differences.'

RE: Our RE work this term will be asking questions such as: 'What do people think that God looks like?' and 'How did the world begin?'

PE: We will have PE with our Sports Coach Mr Sinclair once a week where the main focus will be ball skills in preparation for team games and Miss Chegwyn will be teaching 'Attack, defend and shoot'.

Computing: Computing sessions will be using our 'Purple Mash' learning platform log-ins. We will be using a range of creative tools and games.

Music: Our music lessons will involve singing fun songs, developing our sense of rhythm and playing

percussion instruments, and will be taught following the 'Sing Up' online scheme.

General Information

Toucans Team:

Monday - Wednesday - **Mrs Payne, Mrs B, Mrs Cruttenden, Miss Liah**

Wednesday -Friday - **Miss Chegwyn, Mrs B, Miss Emmerson, Miss Liah**

PE days: Wednesday and Friday (please come to school PE ready!)

Library books due back: Monday

Needed in school daily: book bag and reading book, named water bottle, named waterproof jacket

Home Learning

Reading books: Reading books will be changed every Friday as this aligns with our Little Wandle Phonics scheme. If your child would like an additional book which is not perfectly matched, please do let us know - we call these 'challenge books'.

Homework: Year 1 and 2 are encouraged to read at home daily, where possible. The children will be given spellings on a Friday to learn for the week and these will be tested the following Friday.

Please ensure reading books and records are sent into school daily.

Online Learning: Please look out for Purple Mash (computing) log-ins and Doodle Maths information coming home.

Terry Toucan: Terry Toucan is very excited to spend the week at your house. Terry enjoys joining in with anything you do (we don't expect any special trips out!). Please send pictures and/or writing in via admin@wymondley.herts.sch.uk 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 catch us after school or email the school office.

We would also appreciate good feedback too - this helps to shape the planning going forwards.

*Thank you for your continued support
Toucans team*