

Spring Term 2026 Curriculum Guide

Toucans Class



Welcome to Toucans Class Spring Term Newsletter!

This term our main focus will be on developing the children's independence with their work and with daily tasks, by encouraging them to give things a go. We hope you will find this guide useful.

Our Learning This Term

English:

Phonics & Spellings - We will have daily phonics lessons focusing on any gaps from the previous year and moving on to helping your children become confident readers. Spelling tests will continue weekly.

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 - In English this term, our primary goal is to foster independent writing and build your child's confidence in constructing their own stories. Children will learn how to craft correctly punctuated sentences, ensuring they use capital letters and full stops accurately. Using the beautifully illustrated book *It Fell from the Sky* as our inspiration for a three-week writing project, the children will explore imaginative storytelling.

Maths:

Our Maths work will continue to be as practical as possible focussing on building up the children's fluency in mathematical language and number, moving onto more written aspects. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shape before moving onto different strategies for addition and subtraction as well as simple multiplication and division.

Science: In our upcoming unit, children will learn how animals and humans grow from birth to adulthood. We will explore various life cycles, comparing the steady growth of mammals to the incredible transformations of insects and amphibians. By investigating the human life cycle, students will discover how our skills and knowledge evolve as we age. They will also identify the five basic needs for survival—water, food, air, shelter, and space. To promote healthy habits, children will learn how exercise strengthens the heart and mind, and how different nutrients fuel our bodies.

Topic: Our topic learning for this term will be History: How was school different in the past? And Geography: What is the weather like in the UK?

PSHE: Our PSHE work will be based on our school 'jigsaw' programme. The focus for this half term will be on our dreams and goals; the focus for next half term will be on how we keep healthy and why it is important.

RE: Our RE work this term will focus on comparing some of the beliefs and practises of Christians and Hindus. We will consider 'Why should we care for the world' and 'Why do we need to give thanks'.

PE: The main PE session each week will be taught on Wednesdays by Mr Sinclair, focussing on ball skills. Extra sessions of PE with Miss Chegwyn will be on Fridays.

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 looking at different ways to organise data, create pictograms and animate stories.

Music: Children will be exploring a range of instruments and learning songs linked to our themes of 'Football' and 'Come Dance with me'.

General Information

Monday: Mrs Payne and Mrs B. **Library Books due in and new ones are sent out**

Tuesday: Mrs Payne and Mrs B.

Wednesday: Mrs Payne (am) Miss Chegwyn (pm) and Mrs B. **(Wear PE kit to school)**

Thursday: Miss Chegwyn and Mrs B.

Friday: Miss Chegwyn and Mrs B **(Wear PE kit to school)** *Reading books changed and Spelling test day*

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

A waterproof jacket and a named water bottle should also be brought to school daily.

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.

Online platforms: Your child has login details for DoodleMaths. The use of these will be monitored by us and your child can earn a marble for our class treat jar.

Terry the Toucan: is very excited to spend the week at your house. He enjoys reading and will be ready to listen to a story read by either you or your child. Please send a photo via the office admin email address admin@wymondley.herts.sch.uk

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

*Thank you for your continued support
Toucans team*