



# Granby Primary School

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## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



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'Brilliant Britain'



### Literacy

We will be using the text 'Naughty Bus' to support writing across the year group. The children will be learning to develop and use story maps to help plan their writing. We will be focusing on writing simple sentences and turning these into compound sentences using 'and', as well as writing in the past tense using the suffix -ed. We will continue to focus on simple punctuation such as capital letters to start a sentence and for names, and full stops and exclamation marks to end a sentence.

The children will take part in guided and shared reading sessions, developing their everyday word recognition and applying the decoding skills taught in phonics. Through this, they will experience a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

### Numeracy

The children will continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills, applying this to numbers within 20. They will start to recognise how their number bonds within 10 can help them to learn number bonds within 20, and to identify other associated facts. The children will learn how to add and subtract using a number line. Later in the term, the children will begin to count, read, write and recognise numbers up to 50, representing these numbers using practical equipment. They will also explore odd & even numbers and length & height.

### Science

The children will continue to observe daily weather patterns throughout the term using rain gauges, thermometers and what they can see happening out of the windows.

### Computing

We begin by learning how to log in to different applications. Then our first unit is how to group and sort using Purple Mash followed by making pictograms.



## PE

The children will continue to develop their gymnastic skills by exploring balance, stance, flight and rotation using the floor and various apparatus. They will begin to create simple sequences using a mixture of movements.

## RE

This term RE will be focused on how Shabbat is celebrated. The children will learn all about the story of Hannukah and the ways this is celebrated. They will then learn about the story of Passover and the celebrations associated with this.

## History & Geography

We will be exploring the UK in our topic 'Brilliant Britain' learning all about the 4 countries and the differences between urban and rural areas. The children will identify the similarities and differences between London and Brasilia. We will also be exploring the Great Fire of London.

## Art & Design and Technology

The children will learn all about how wheels work using axles, and design a new London bus as their moving vehicle.

The children will also create a piece of artwork inspired by the Great Fire of London using historical examples for ideas.

## PSHE

The children will learn about a number of key safety information points including how to stay safe both in school and out; road traffic safety; how to stay safe in the sun; water safety; what to do if they get lost; and where safe places to play are.

## Music

We will explore a variety of music, sounds and songs through the music topics of 'Machines' and 'Our School'. The focus will be maintaining a steady beat and playing at different tempos. We will explore the sounds heard around our school and then create music that captures atmosphere.

## Dates for the diary

**Phonics Parent Pop in** [please see the ParentMail form for more information]:

1L Bumblebees – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

1G Dragonflies – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**Stop and Share:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January: maths focus

## Phonics

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons, revising the early phase 5 sounds that were introduced last term. We will begin to read and identify nonsense words to ensure pupils can use and apply decoding and blending skills. There will be a focus on sound buttons to decode words.

## Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes three times a week. Books and reading records must be brought to school every day. Children also need to practise their recognition and spelling of common exception words: these can be found at the front of their reading diary along with the phase 3 and 5 graphemes from our phonics programme of study.
- Weekly homework will be based on literacy, numeracy and/or topic work.
  - 1L Bumblebees **homework is given out each Friday and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday.**
  - 1G Dragonflies **homework is given out each Thursday and needs to be returned by the following Tuesday.**
- PE in Year 1 is on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure that children wear suitable PE kit, including suitable footwear on this day. **Jewellery must not be worn** on PE days, and should be removed at home before coming to school.
- Finally, as children continue to progress through Year 1, we would like to encourage them to become more independent and start taking responsibility for their own learning needs. We are available to talk before and after school or via the office at other times.