

Our Curriculum is designed to develop five core characteristics in our pupils, which we believe will lay the foundations for them to be lifelong learners and good global citizens. These are:



Year One Curriculum Overview	Spring One Half Term	Learning Focus: Our Local Area - Northfield
English - Phonics	Children will continue to work in streamed groups based on their ability. Children who are on track with focus on segmenting and blending all Level 5b sounds. They will practise reading and writing words containing these new sounds, with a focus on developing accuracy and fluency with segmenting and blending real and alien (nonsense) words. Children will continue to read common exception words by sight. They will also be developing their understanding of reading comprehension skills such as find and retrieve, prediction and inference.	
English - Writing	At the start of term, the children will write a non-fiction recount of their walk around the local area, remembering time words and descriptions of the key landmarks - The Pound and the Great Stone, the nail maker's cottage, St Laurence Church and Old Moat Drive. The children will then learn the fictional story 'Little Charlie'. They will focus on learning about settings in stories and using their own ideas to change this story to make it their own. Children will continue to develop their sentence writing skills by using new sounds and common exception words correctly.	
Mathematics	In mathematics, children will focus on place value to 20. This is a tricky but crucial construct in mathematics where children know the value of each digit for example 12 is 10 + 2. Children will use mathematical equipment to build numbers 11-20, compare and order numbers, and reason about the location of numbers on a number line. With this knowledge we will then learn to add and subtract with numbers to 20 by counting on or back and using our number bonds.	
Science	During their local walks children will continue to observe for signs of Winter in preparation for their work on seasonal change next half term.	
Geography	During this half term, the children will be learning basic map skills, using positional and directional language and creating their own maps.	
History	Our history learning will focus on the key historical landmarks in our locality. Our local history walk around Northfield will give the children an opportunity to see the landmarks up close and compare the similarities and differences of old and new landmarks.	
Art	This half term children will use their walk around Northfield as stimulus to practise their sketching skills by observing and replicating pictures of some significant buildings we saw. We will be exploring thick and thin lines as well as different styles of lines	
Computing	This half term, children will be developing their skills of selecting and using technology for particular purposes by taking, selecting, using, editing and uploading photographs using J2e.	
Music	As part of our music curriculum, children compare different compositions and learn about and discuss the pitch, dynamics and tempo. We will then use musical symbols to represent loud, quiet, long and short sounds and work together to create our own class composition.	
PE	In PE children will work with Chris, our sports coach, to develop children's basketball and netball skills. They will learn and practise how to throw, catch and control a ball.	
PSHE	Our focus for the half term will be aiming high. The children will talk about what they are good at and what they aspire to be when they grow up. The children discuss how they will get to wear they want to be and what skills they need to achieve.	
RE	In RE, children will learn about the religion of Islam and the things that are important to Muslims. We learn about special traditions and go on an interfaith trip to a Mosque and a Church to compare the religion of Islam to Christianity.	