

YEAR GROUP: Year 1

DATE: January / February 2026

TIME ALLOCATION: 6 weeks

TEACHER: Mrs Mirabitur & Miss Carr

English
In English, we will be looking at narratives and writing short stories. Following a sequenced approach, we will be reading the book ‘Olivia Saves the Circus’, and we will use this to support our writing. We will then be reading the book ‘The Something’, and using this to write a setting description.

Maths
In maths this half term, we will continue to look at addition and subtraction. Through small steps, we will be able to solve a range of different addition and subtraction calculations. We will also be working on our place value of numbers up to 20, so that we become really secure with our number knowledge.

Science
In Science this half term, our topic is ‘Animals’. We will be exploring and comparing humans, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish and also looking at the different diets each of these animal groups eat.



How did the building of Manchester Airport change our local area?

WHY?

The children will gain an understanding of how Manchester Airport has developed over the years and why this has had both a positive and negative impact on local communities.

WOW: A trip to Manchester Airport!	OUTCOME: To be able to see positive and negative changes to the local area.
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Computing
In computing, we will be learning about programming. The children will understand that programming is the process of writing computer programs and that these are a series of instructions given to a computer in order to carry out certain operations.

Religious Education
Our topic in RE this half term is, ‘Who is Jewish and how do they live?’

Geography
We will not be covering a geography topic this half term but will be using our geography skills when discussing and locating Manchester Airport.

History
We will be comparing past and present photographs of Manchester Airport and discussing how these changes have had a positive and negative impact on the local area.

Art and Design
We will be exploring colour mixing and we will learn the names of the primary and secondary colours. We will also look at the artist Jasper Johns.

Design Technology
We will be focusing on mechanisms and we will be making a moving story book.

Music
In music this half term, we will be using the instruments and our voices to explore rhythm, tempo and pitch.

Physical Education
This half term, we will be taking part in gymnastics. We will be exploring travelling, balancing and learning how to link these as part of a small sequence.

- SMSC**
- Have respect for the beliefs and values of others.
 - Work well with others and deal with conflict maturely.
 - Use of imagination and creativity in their learning.
 - Recognise the difference between right and wrong.
 - Offer reasoned views about moral and ethical issues.
 - Understand and appreciate the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage.

- BRITISH VALUES**
- Democracy
 - The rule of law
 - Individual liberty
 - Mutual respect
 - Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

- TOPIC HOMEWORK**
- Times Tables
 - Reading
 - Homework Sheet

- ASSESSMENT**
- Children will be assessed in all areas of the curriculum, focusing on key skills taken from across the curriculum.