

KS1 Summer Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents,

This overview aims to provide you with information to enable you to share, discuss and support the learning activities that are being covered in school with your child.

Please encourage your child to talk to you about their work; question them, encourage them to explain their learning and ask them their opinions. This will enable them to improve their communication skills, whilst helping to secure their learning.

National Curriculum Coverage by Subject

<u>English</u> Reading Writing Spelling Grammar Punctuation	We will continue to improve individual reading standards, and we shall be studying quality fiction and non-fiction texts and extracts. We will use texts as stimuli for our writing tasks; texts include ➤ <i>Someone Just Like You</i> by Helen Docherty ➤ <i>Puffin Peter</i> by Petr Horáček and a range of poetry ➤ <i>Gruffalo Crumble</i> by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler ➤ <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen ➤ <i>The Princess and the Pea</i> by Rachel Isadora ➤ <i>Stop! That's Not My Story</i> by Smriti Halls and Erika Meza ➤ <i>Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks</i> by Paulette Bourgeois and Alex Griffiths
<u>Maths</u> Number Measurement Geometry Statistics Problem solving	The aim of our daily maths lessons is to further embed their understanding of number and to help them to develop their maths fluency. Topics we shall cover include; ➤ Place Value ➤ Addition and Subtraction (A) ➤ Measures ➤ Addition and Subtraction (B) ➤ Time ➤ Addition and Subtraction (C) ➤ Fractions and Multiplication
<u>Science</u> Working scientifically Animals Including Humans	The first half of the term, we will be learning about 'Animals Including Humans'; the sub-topics are <i>Sensitive Bodies</i> and <i>Comparing Animals</i> .
<u>History</u>	The children will look at World War I and why we have Remembrance Day.
<u>Geography</u>	The topic is called <i>What Is It Like Here?</i>
<u>Art</u>	The topic is called <i>Colour Creations</i>
<u>Design Technology</u>	The topic is called <i>Stable Structures</i>
<u>Computing</u> To encourage creative, responsible and confident use of communication technology.	Data & Information – Grouping Data Creating Media – Digital Writing
<u>Religious Education</u>	The topics to be covered this term are <i>How Should We Care for the Earth and Why Does It Matter ?</i> and <i>What Can We Learn From Sacred Books and Stories?</i> Should you not wish for your child to take part in these lessons please inform Mrs Jakes.

<u>Physical Education</u>	Dance – The Romans Football Skills Parkour Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit each Thursday.
<u>PHSE</u> Knowledge, skills and attributes needed to manage lives now and in the future.	The first half of the term is the topic <i>How Can I Help Myself and Others To Feel Safe and Happy?</i> and the second half term's topic is entitled <i>How Do We Spend Time Online?</i>
<u>Music</u>	The name of the topic to be overed in the first half of the term is <i>My Favourite Things</i> and this will be used to explore pulse in music and the second half terms; topic is <i>Musical Me</i> and this explores pitch.

And finally.....

Please ensure that all of your children's belongings are clearly named.

Water bottles should be in school every day, please, filled with water!

Homework – You should have received a separate letter regarding homework; if you have not done so, please speak to either me or Mrs Foster.

AS ALWAYS, SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, QUESTIONS OR NIGGLES, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SPEAK TO ME OR MRS FOSTER.

Kind regards,

Allison Jakes & Gina Foster

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any cause for concern, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). You may also refer any concerns to the Integrated Front Door Team on 0300 300 8585 (Mon-Thurs 0845-1720hrs and Fri 0845-1620hrs). The out of hours number is 0300 300 8123. Email : IFD@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

As part of our Safeguarding Policy, mobile phones **MUST NOT** be used on school premises. This is to protect you as much as it is to protect the children.

Please visit our school website www.ridgmont-lower.org.uk where you will find links to a wide range of support and advice. Head to PARENTS→USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION.

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