

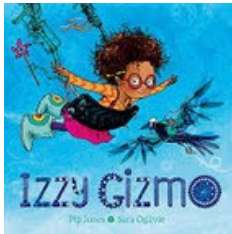
Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 1 - 2026

Our theme for Summer Term one is:

Marvellous Makers!

Our main focuses are:

- To find out about famous inventors.
- To learn about the materials that are all around us and their properties.
- To investigate materials and which material would be best for an umbrella—looking at which materials are waterproof and absorbent.



Our theme will last for:
6 weeks.

English:

Novel study: Izzy Gizmo

At the start of the term, we are going to read the story and make predictions about the text.

Next we will look at the problem and solution of the story then think of our own. We will also look at the beginning, middle and end of the story. We are excited to see the children become authors and use their imagination!

After this we will use our knowledge of the story to think about how Izzy Gizmo would be feeling throughout the story. We will then use this information to write sentences from the perspective of Izzy Gizmo. Can you write about what you did yesterday? Remember to use 'I' and write in the past tense!

In the last week of term, we will be writing a series of sentences using the conjunction 'and' to join our ideas.



Beginning



Middle



End



Mathematics:

Our Mathematics topics for this half term will be as follows:

Week 1: We will be counting to 100 forwards and backwards. We will then look at writing the number names to 20 and look at partitioning and combining numbers. I wonder how high you can count...

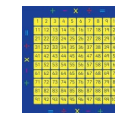
Week 2: We will be looking at number bonds and subtraction facts to 20. Can you remember any number bonds?

Week 3: We will be focusing on problems using our knowledge of addition and subtraction.

Week 4: We will be revisiting 1/2 and 1/4 in fractions.

Week 5: We will be looking at capacity and comparing this.

Week 6: We will be reviewing areas of our learning with a focus on time and money.



P.S.H.E

We will be thinking about how we can stay healthy including washing our hands and dental hygiene.

No Outsiders

This half term we will be continuing with our programme of study called 'No Outsiders In Our School'. As part of this, we will be learning about the story of 'My World, Your World' to help us to understand that our bodies work in different ways.



Computing

We will be creating a poster on Seesaw about our own inventions. We will be using the many techniques that we have been taught. This will include adding an image, drawing an image, using a text box and even adding a voice recording to our work.



Science

We shall be exploring:

- The materials that different objects are made from.
- Describing the properties of everyday materials.
- Describing some simple similarities and differences between man-made objects.
- Choosing the best material to make an umbrella and explaining why.



History

We will be looking at how transport has changed peoples lives. How toys have changed over time alongside the use of technology. As well as how cars have changed over time and how that has made travel easier, we will be learning about famous inventors from History; what they achieved and the impact of this. We will also be using our judgement skills to sort them into 'past' and 'present'.

Music

Children will continue to follow the exciting 'Charanga' scheme of work to further develop their music skills. The theme is 'Sound and Pictures', RSNO's yoyo and the Little auk. Children will listen to a range of songs and discuss their thoughts and feelings about them. Our focus will shift each week from understanding music to listening, singing, playing, composing and performing.



Art and Design

Here we will be looking at the work of John Tenniel, Adrienne Segur and Sara Ogilvie. We will look at the different features of their work and discuss the mediums and techniques that they use.



Behaviour and Safety

This half term we will be learning about how to keep healthy through eating well. We will be discussing what our favourite healthy foods are and what a healthy meal would look like.



R.E.

This half term we will be learning about the story of Easter and why Easter is important to Christians. We will learn about Lent and sacrifice and how Christians celebrate Easter. We will also learn about what Christians mean by forgiveness.

Shared home learning:

Please spend 15 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child every day. This will really help support your child's success in reading. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our phonics words and sounds that we will be practising within class will be shared via Seesaw and these can be discussed and practised at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them into a sentence! **Could we ask that all children have their P.E. kits in school at all times.**

Physical Education (P.E.)

To keep us fit and healthy during the summer term, we are going to focus on invasion games. We will be learning how to play a range of different games and learning the skills we need for them such as tactics for attacking and defending.

Important Dates

w/c 13th April - Science and Engineering week
22nd April - Class Photos

4th May - Bank Holiday
w/c 18th May - Map Skills & Crystal Maze week