

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

Curriculum Statement – Year One June 2026

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Our topic this term is 'On Safari!' where we will be learning more about different animals and places. We will learn about some countries in Africa and will compare them to our own.

Our annual Safety Week will help raise safety awareness through a variety of activities, including stranger danger, keeping safe near roads, water and electricity.

Literacy

Class reading and writing will be based largely upon the topic about safari. We will continue with daily phonics lessons, regular SPAG lessons and home reading as usual.

We will be developing our descriptive writing and story writing based on the book *One day on our blue planet...in the savannah*.

Numeracy

We will begin the term by making equal groups and learning to share equally. We will then learn about fractions (halves and quarters) and will return to number where we'll practise counting forwards and backwards to 100 and order numbers to 100. We will continue to practise counting in our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables and using this knowledge to help support us in learning about money. Children will also continue to develop their mathematical explanations and problem solving in all areas of maths and will focus on days of the week, months and o'clock and half past when learning about time.

Science

Children will learn about different types of common garden and wild plants through practical learning and gardening, in addition to naming and identifying different trees. We will also learn about the different parts of a plant and tree, what they are called and why they are important.

Geography

We will be learning to name physical and human features in our local environment and in Africa and will compare the countries.

Art and Design/Design Technology

We will learn about the Maasai tribe, some simple symbolism and natural colours used in African art. We will use this knowledge to design and make a sewn bookmark, African masks and jewellery.

Music

Within music lessons this half term we will continue to look at exploring pitch (how high or low a sound is). We will continue to play simple listening games to identify and describe pitch patterns in a range of songs and music. In addition, the children will play percussion instruments and compose simple sound effects to accompany a story. We will compose pitch patterns using creative graphic notation tools such as pipe cleaners and coloured cubes. Also the children will be learning a song ready for our class performance at the Leaver's service.

R.E.

We will begin learning about Sacred Places. We will discuss what makes places safe, special, and sacred and will recap our previous learning. We will discuss churches and mosques in more depth and examine the similarities and differences between rituals and ceremonies of belonging in Islam and Christianity.

I.C.T

We will continue to learn about programming and children will continue to have opportunities to use *Scratchjr.* on the iPads for individual and partner work.

P.E.

This half term we will be developing our athletics skills of running, jumping, throwing, and aiming activities using a variety of indoor and outdoor equipment. We will continue to improve our swimming technique and stamina in our weekly sessions. Everyone will participate in National Sports Week (WC 6th July) to try some new physical activities and to see what sports are available in our local community.

P.S.H.E.

The children this half term will be looking at the big question of 'Who helps keep us safe and healthy?' We will begin by thinking about what helps us to stay healthy such as washing our hands with soap. As part of sport's week, we will look at how exercise keeps our bodies healthy. In addition, we will talk about what to do in an emergency both on land and in the water. The children will practice calling 999 and what to say to get the right help needed for their emergency. Also, the children will explore the topic of money (to link with maths), how it is earned and what we can do with money such as spending and saving. Towards the end of the half term, the children will be talking about their favourite memories of Year One, any worries about moving into their new class and what they are looking forward to most about Year 2!

All pupils will participate in our Sports week, Sport's Afternoon and the Duck Race.

All pupils will be involved in the Y2 Leavers' Service.

Our Golden Rule this half term is 'Walk in School'.