

# Year 1 Curriculum Update

## 2026 Term 1



This update will be sent home to let you know what is happening in the specialist classes this term.

### Science and Technologies - Cecilie

This term, Year 1 students are learning about the properties of materials. They are exploring and describing the observable features of everyday materials such as how they feel, how strong they are and whether they are flexible, hard, soft or see-through. Students are comparing and grouping different materials and thinking about why certain materials are suitable for particular purposes in everyday life.

### Italian - Louisa

Ciao a tutti! My name is Louisa Di Pietro and I'll be teaching Italian to our Prep and Year 1 students on a Friday this year. I am also the Learning Specialist - Mental Health and Wellbeing, so I will be around and look forward to meeting all of you.

In Year 1, students will build upon the rich learning experiences they received through their lessons with Dee last year. Through reading, singing, speaking and playing this term, students will explore a number of concepts, including: introductions, asking about and expressing simple feelings, common greetings, classroom objects, simple functional language in the classroom, and some simple verbs.

### Visual Arts - Chantel

Year 1 students will begin the year working on 2D and 3D horse themed art linked to Chinese New Year. They will then explore the Element of Art: Shape, focusing on naming and drawing a range of different shapes. Students will use these shape drawing skills to create a variety of artworks using different materials, such as pastels, paper, markers, and paint. They will also look at artists who use shape in their work, such as Henri Matisse focusing on how artists use the Elements of Art to communicate their ideas and share their inspiration.

### *Performing Arts - Audrey*

*We will continue to consolidate fundamental principles in music - beat, rhythm, and form - through folk dance, use of body percussion and non-melodic percussion instruments. We will also review our knowledge of notation of basic rhythms - ta, ti-ti and rest - and introduce ta - a when ready.*

### *Physical Education - Hollie*

*This term in Physical Education, Year 1 students will be developing their fundamental movement skills. They will practise catching, throwing, and bouncing to improve control and coordination. Students will also refine their bouncing and kicking skills, with a focus on accuracy, teamwork, and correct technique. These activities help build confidence, coordination, and enjoyment in movement and active play.*

### *Reminders and Dates for the Calendar*

*F2 tabloid sports- 2nd of April.*