



# First Tower Curriculum Overview Year One Spring 2024

## Welcome to Year 1

### Key information

This term the children are working as a whole class during the morning and the afternoon.

Please remember to send children in weather appropriate clothing as we go out to play in all weathers. A change of clothing would be useful to have in their book bags.

### Homework

**Reading-** This will continue as in the Autumn term. Thank you for completing regular reading with your child, it makes a real difference to their reading fluency.

**The children now have exciting sticker charts to encourage regular reading. Please sign the children's reading diaries so they can earn a sticker 😊**

**Spellings-** These will continue to be sent home in their pink homework books every Friday alongside their poem to practise at home.

**Maths –** A reminder that children can access numbots. The password is in front of their homework books. Children who access this regularly notice a positive difference in their number learning.

### Maths

This term we will be revisiting key concepts such as adding and subtraction as well as incorporating new topics such as numbers to 20, odds and evens, adding and subtracting using 'Think 10', adding numbers to 20 with missing parts and doubling and halving.

### English

We are continuing to follow Herts for Learning planning where the focus will be around a chosen story book. There will be opportunity for the children to write independently as well as take part in teacher led focus groups. The focus is on writing simple sentences and stories, using punctuation and using descriptive language. We will be exploring a book all about Bats this term.

### Phonics

A daily phonics lessons will take place each day where the children will be revisiting and learning new phonemes. We are now focusing on Phase 5 phonics, incorporating phase 3 and 4 for revision. Regular handwriting will take place in this session also. We are now learning ascenders and descenders.

### Science

This term we will be focusing on plants. The children will be learning to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants. They will also know and label parts of a plant.

### History

We are currently learning about the history of toys. The children will have a chance to:-

- Ask questions about toys from the past
- Use different ways to find out about the past
- Order toys chronologically

### Art and DT

In DT we are using junk modelling to create our own toys linked to our topic learning. We will also be building levers and other mechanisms that slide. In Art we will experiment with water colours.

### PE

The children will be learning new skills in dance and team building.

### PSHE

This terms focus is 'dreams and goals' and 'healthy me.'

**RE -** Our new topic is called 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?'

### ICT & Computing

We are developing our computer skills using a mouse and a keyboard. Children will also be using an app to paint and draw.