

Year 1  
Autumn term 2025

## My street, my school, my city – where do I live? Castles and Knights - why was Lincoln Castle built on a hill?

### RE

We will be focusing on Christianity. We will be learning about Christian's beliefs about God and how they show love to God. We will also be learning about the Christian story of creation.

### Science

Everyday materials - We will be focusing on naming, describing and sorting different materials. As well as, finding out the properties of different materials and exploring what materials are best for different purposes.

### History

We will be looking closely at Lincoln Castle, learning about the different features and comparing this to different types of castles. We will be exploring the key events in the history of Lincoln Castle and learning about key historical figures, including William the Conqueror.

### Special days

WOW day - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, including a local area walk.

Visit to Lincoln Castle – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025.

### Computing

We will be learning how to log on to the computers and how to access a range of activities on Purple Mash.

We will be developing our mouse control skills and use of the keyboard.

### PE

In autumn 1, we will be improving our coordination and static balance (using one leg). We will also be working on following instructions and being safe.

In autumn 2, we will move on to developing our jumping and landing skills.

### Geography

We will be learning about Lincoln and exploring our local area. We will be exploring the physical and human features of our local area and will be exploring how to create and use maps to help us navigate around the local area.

### How to help at home:

- Please make sure your child reads to an adult at home as much as possible. Please use the reading record provided to make notes of your reading activities.
- Please also help and encourage your child to practice their weekly phonics and spellings patterns – please look back over previous weeks too so we can ensure these are not forgotten!
- We would love to hear about or see any additional reading or research linked to our topics or learning. Please share with us anything extra you do at home.

### Art/DT

Art- We will be experimenting with media and using different media to make marks and draw.

We will also be using paints to explore colour mixing and printing. We will be using our skills to create artwork in the style of Clarice Cliff.

DT- We will be designing and building freestanding models of playground equipment (such as a slide or swing).

### PSHE/Values

Autumn 1 – Honesty

Autumn 2 – Love

### PSHE

As part of our PSHE curriculum, we will be using the program Zippy's Friends. We will be exploring making and keeping friends, dealing with loneliness and rejection and how to solve conflicts with friends.

### Music

We will be learning about keeping the pulse to music and exploring sound patterns using our voices and instruments.

We will also be learning songs as part of our Christmas nativity performance.

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#### **Reading and Phonics**

During autumn term, we will focus on learning all the initial phonics sounds, digraphs (sounds made up of two letters) and practice blending for reading. Children will have daily Read, Write Inc. phonics sessions and additional whole class phonics and reading sessions. We will work on improving fluency and comprehension skills.

#### **Writing**

During the autumn term, we will be focusing on the foundations of writing, including the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will develop our vocabulary, explore sentence structure and use these skills to write for different purposes. We will be exploring books, such as 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'How to Catch a Star'.

#### **Spelling**

During the autumn term, we will focus on learning to spell tricky words. We will then focus on some of the key spelling rules for year 1 such as adding 's' or 'es' to words to make a plural and the following spelling patterns:

- Words ending with 'ff'
- Words ending with 'ss'
- Words ending with 'll'
- Words ending with 'zz'

#### **Handwriting**

We will be learning how to form letters of a correct size and placement on the line. We will practice our letter formation by writing high frequency words. We will also be learning correct number formation.

#### **MATHS**

##### **Numbers to 10**

- Sorting and counting objects
- Writing numbers
- Ordering objects and numbers
- One more and one less
- Using a number line

##### **Part-Whole Model**

- Part-whole within 10
- Finding and comparing number bonds

##### **Addition and Subtraction**

- Finding the whole (adding together and adding more)
- Finding and making number bonds
- Finding addition facts
- Subtraction (counting back, finding the difference)
- Comparing additions and subtractions

##### **2D and 3D shape**

- Naming and sorting shapes