

Ticklerton Autumn 2026

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely summer break.
Our main topics this term will be Our Local Area, My Body and Castles
Mrs Jones teaches the class full time, supported by Mrs Child and Mrs Hartley.

PE will be on Friday afternoon with the children working on their fitness levels, with a focus on ball skills in the first part of the half term..
Please ensure pupils have the correct PE kit on this day.

Outdoor learning will be on Wednesday with either a walk in our local area or utilising our forest school site.

English

Our first book that we will focus our writing around in year 1 and 2 is The Secret Sky Garden. Reception will be building their skills using The Gingerbread Man. Children will cover a variety of writing genres with both guided and independent writing at regular intervals.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Friday is spelling test day for year 1 and 2 using the words practised through the week in school and at home. Punctuation and grammar is planned into written work and daily grammar/punctuation activities will consolidate learning.
Daily reading will continue to play a vital role in development of grammar, comprehension and spelling skills, as well as general knowledge.

Reading at home is strongly encouraged as it plays such a huge role in a child's personal and emotional as well as academic development. Please record reading at home in the reading diary, we will aim to change a book when they have read at least twice at home and once to an adult at school. A share book will also be sent home, please record when you have shared this together at home so we can change it.

We always warmly welcome extra support in school, so please do not be afraid to offer to come in if you think there is something you could help with.

Questions and queries about your child's learning are also welcomed so please don't hesitate to ask.
We look forward to a fantastic term of learning!

In **science**, our focus will be My Body and Everyday Materials. We will be learning through research, experiments and investigations.

We shall focus, in **maths**, on developing skills and their application in the real world. We will focus on Place Value; addition and subtraction. Geometry – shape in the Autumn term, In reception the children will use manipulatives to count objects, actions and sounds, subitise and link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.

PSHE will be discussing 'Connecting with others: How can I help myself and others feel happy and safe?' Mental well-being will continue to be of primary importance.

In **geography** we will be learning all about the local area and in **history** our focus will be on castles.

Music — during the term we will be learning using the topic Senses before moving onto our Christmas Performance.

In **ICT** the children will be improving mouse skills. Children will continue to build up keyboard skills, select, use and combine a variety of software as well as use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

In **RE**, in line with the county syllabus, the children will be discussing the following questions— Who do Christians say made the world? and Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Collective worship will of course continue as a time of learning and reflection.

Art — we will be building our art and design skills during a topic 'make your mark'.

DT — the children will designing and creating windmills.

Phonics will continue daily, please practice the phonics cards and tricky words that will come home in your child's book bag each week.