



KS1 Curriculum Summary 2026–2027

Our Curriculum Vision

At Swaffham Meadow Primary School, our KS1 curriculum provides a broad, balanced and engaging education that nurtures curiosity, creativity and confidence. Through carefully planned learning experiences, children develop essential knowledge, skills and understanding whilst fostering a love of learning, independence and resilience. Our curriculum encourages children to become active learners who are prepared for the next stage of their education and life beyond school

English

English is taught through **The Write Stuff** approach, enabling children to develop their spoken language, reading and writing skills through high-quality texts and engaging learning experiences. Reading is supported through **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** helping pupils become fluent, confident readers. Children are taught spelling and handwriting using the same programme, so all their learning is clearly connected.

Mathematics

Mathematics is taught through the **White Rose Maths** scheme, developing fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Children build strong foundations in number, calculation, shape, measure and statistics through practical exploration and mathematical discussion.

Science

Science encourages children to explore the world around them through observation, investigation and enquiry. Pupils develop scientific knowledge and skills through topics such as:

- Animals Including Humans
- Everyday Materials
- Living Things and Their Habitats
- Plants
- Seasonal Changes
- Caring for the planet

Children learn to ask questions, make predictions and carry out simple investigations.

History



Through history, children learn about significant people, events and changes within living memory and beyond. They develop an understanding of chronology and begin to compare life in the past with life today.

Learning includes:

- Kings and Queens (including links with Norfolk)
- The Great Fire of London
- Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell

Geography

Geography helps pupils understand their local area and the wider world. Children develop knowledge of places, environments and human and physical features through practical investigations and fieldwork.

Areas of study include:

- Where our food comes from
- How the weather affects our lives
- Comparing life in different places around the world

Art and Design

Using the **AccessArt** curriculum, pupils develop creativity and confidence through a range of artistic experiences. Children explore:

- Drawing and sketching
- Mono-printing
- Sculpture and 3D work
- Exploring artists and designers

Pupils are encouraged to experiment, evaluate and express their ideas creatively.

Design and Technology

Design and Technology develops practical problem-solving skills and creativity. Children learn to:

- Design and make purposeful products
- Work with textiles and materials
- Prepare simple healthy foods
- Explore mechanisms and structures



- Evaluate and improve their work

Projects encourage imagination, resilience and innovation.

Religious Education

RE helps children explore Christianity and other faiths and worldviews while developing respect, understanding and reflection. Learning encourages pupils to ask questions about beliefs, values and traditions and to consider how faith influences people's lives.

Computing

Following the **Teach Computing** curriculum, children develop their understanding of technology through:

- Basic programming
- Digital creativity
- Using technology safely
- Handling information
- Creating digital content

Online safety is taught throughout the year to help children become responsible digital citizens.

Music

Through the **Charanga** music programme, pupils develop skills in:

- Singing
- Listening and appraising music
- Playing instruments
- Composing music
- Performing to an audience

Children explore a variety of musical styles and develop confidence in performance.

PSHE

Using the **Jigsaw** programme, pupils learn about:

- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me
- Relationships



- Changing Me

These themes support emotional wellbeing, personal development and healthy relationships.

Physical Education

Through **Get Set 4 PE**, children develop fundamental movement skills, teamwork and physical confidence through:

- Games
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Athletics
- Fitness
- Striking and Fielding Activities

PE promotes healthy lifestyles, resilience and enjoyment of physical activity.

Our Aims

Our KS1 curriculum aims to ensure that every child:

- Develops a love of learning.
- Builds strong foundations in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Becomes confident, resilient and independent.
- Develops curiosity about the world around them.
- Learns to respect others and celebrate differences.
- Is well prepared for the transition into Key Stage 2.

Through high expectations, engaging experiences and strong relationships, we support every child to achieve their full potential