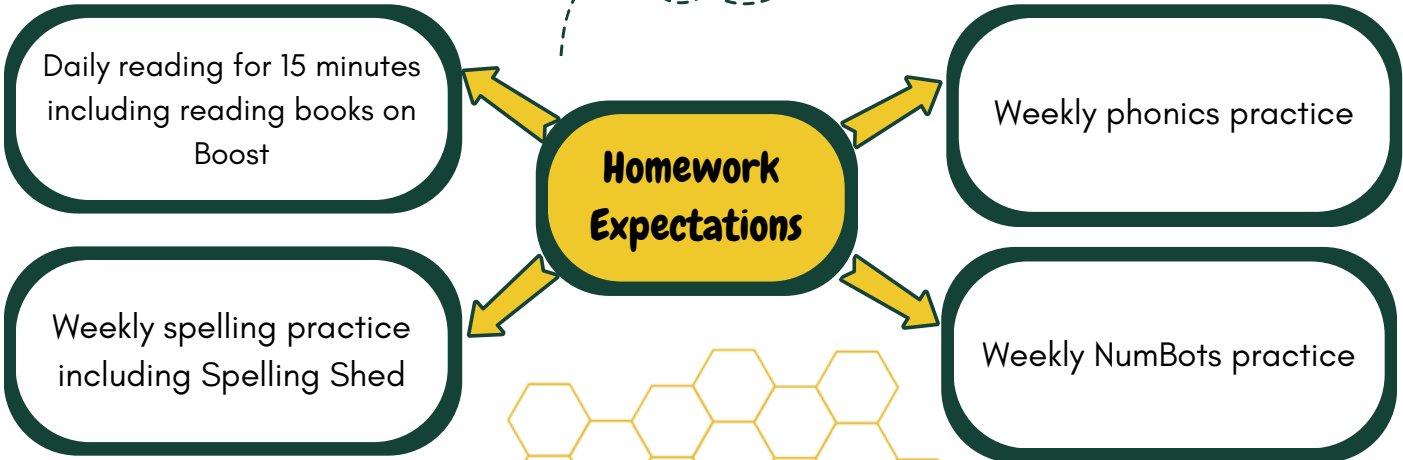


Year 1 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Spring Term 2 2026



BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Home learning project

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How to be a scientist!

Next term we will be learning about endangered animals. We would like you to create a model of an endangered animal that you would like to find out more about. Endangered animals include: tigers, elephants, pandas, blue whales and snow leopards. They are animals that are in danger of being extinct.

Where is the animal from? Junk modelling

What food does it eat? Puppet

What type of animal is it? Clay

Please bring your homework in by Wednesday 11th March 2026

Big Question:
How do humans impact on endangered species?

Overarching Spiritual Theme:
Reflection

Key Dates for Year 1:

Return to school – Monday 23rd February

Home learning project due – Wednesday 11th March

Marwell Zoo trip – Wednesday 11th March

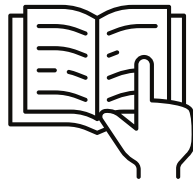
PE Days
PE days change each week. Therefore PE kits need to be in school every day.

Reading

Key skills we will develop are:

- Using our finger to follow what we are reading
- Sounding out and then blending to read unknown words
- Reading common exception words
- Rereading a sentence to check we understand it

We will be reading a range of books that are matched to the sounds that we are learning in phonics.



We will be reading



Phonics:

We will be continuing to learn new sounds within sound families.

Writing

Outcome 1: Non chronological report about meerkats

Audience: General Public

Purpose: To inform

Outcome 2: Recount about Marwell Zoo

Audience: Parents

Purpose: To recount events

Outcome 3: Character description

Audience: Emily Gravett

Purpose: To describe

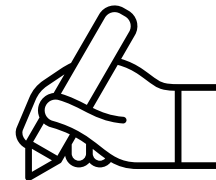
Outcome 4: Poetry

Audience: Ms Long

Purpose: To entertain

Key skills we will develop are:

- Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Using phonics to spell words
- Using think, say, write, check
- Using adjectives
- Using 'and' to join clauses
- Using the past tense



Maths

Time

Key skills we will develop are:

- Know and order months of the year
- Sequence events in chronological order
- Understand the time can be measured in minutes and seconds
- Read and write the time o'clock and half past
- Explore adding on hours and half hours
- Describe whole, half and quarter turns clockwise and anticlockwise



Maths

Exploring calculation strategies (within 20)

Key skills we will develop are:

- Use number bonds to derive facts
- Use doubles to calculate near doubles
- Represent the 'Make ten' strategy on a bead string
- Recognise the equals sign '=' as balance
- Choose a strategy based on a number calculation



Foundation Subjects

Science:

Plants
Common wild and garden plants
Seasonal Changes: Spring



Computing:

E-safety: Managing online information/privacy and security
Digital Literacy: Digital Painting
Developing mouse control to create digital art



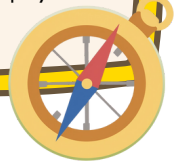
PSHE:

Living in the Wider World
Belonging to a Community
Media Literacy and Digital Resilience
Money and Work



Geography:

Our local area
Local study: School's immediate locality (Bassett Green)
Compass directions, human and physical features



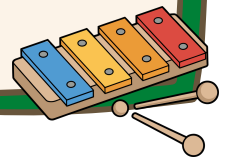
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Design and make a purposeful product
Cutting, joining and finishing
Design a new home for an animal at Marwell Zoo



Music:

Timbre and texture
Marwell Zoo composition
Using percussion to make a sound story



RE:

Welcoming Jesus
Golden Thread: Belonging
Christian faith traditions



Talk through stories:

We will be reading a range of quality stories that are linked to our topic.

PE:

Hit, catch, run
Striking and fielding games

Run, jump, throw
Athletic activity



How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading is an essential skill that children must develop so that they can access the whole curriculum at school and beyond. We are passionate about ensuring that children have a love of reading and practise reading from a variety of places e.g. books and websites.

We recommend that children read or are read the following books to them, by the end of Year 1. We hope you enjoy sharing these books with your child

- Oh no, Bobo! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQE2hHCNVd4>
- Over and under the pond https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dggf_YMu8S4
- One day on our Blue Planet, in the Antarctic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhR85ko1-4c>



Science

In science, children will be learning about plants, including wild and garden plants.

To support your child, you could discuss the plants that you see in your garden or at the local park.

Can they find the plants in the picture below?

Wild Plants



Garden Plants



PSHE

In PSHE, children will continue their topic on 'Living in the Wider World'. They will start to learn about how to communicate online and use computers safely.

To support your child, you could discuss how to use the internet and electronic devices safely when they are at home. This website has some great tips for children and parents:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy/mykqt/articles/zym3b9q>

