



**Loddiswell
Primary School**

Curriculum Overview

Class 2 (Year 1) – Autumn Term 2026

**Learning
together
in Year 1
and Year 2**

A very warm welcome to the start of a new school year and to our new Year 1 and 2 class!

I am delighted to be welcoming back our Year 2 children, having had the pleasure of teaching them last year, and I am equally excited to welcome our new Year 1 children as they begin the next stage of their school journey. It is lovely to bring the two year groups together and I am looking forward to seeing new friendships develop, confidence grow and the children learn from and alongside one another.

We have an exciting term ahead, with lots of opportunities for practical learning, discussion, creativity and challenge. I wanted to share a little of what we will be exploring in the classroom this term.



English

Our English learning will be based around two wonderful texts, *The Bear Under the Stairs* and *The Piano*. We will use these as a starting point for developing the children's reading, vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills, as well as encouraging plenty of imagination and discussion.

In Year 1, we will be developing confidence in writing simple sentences independently. The children will focus on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently, as well as beginning to use 'and' to join words and ideas. Across the term, they will have opportunities to apply these skills to a range of writing, including letters, stories and simple non-fiction texts.

A big focus this term will continue to be on letter formation and making sure the children form each letter correctly and consistently. Handwriting will form an important part of our daily learning.



Maths

During the first half of the term, our main Maths focus will be place value. This is such an important foundation for future mathematical learning, so we will spend time exploring it practically and developing a secure understanding rather than simply learning procedures.

During the term, we will be working with numbers up to 100 and exploring the concept of tens and ones through the 'Part-Whole' model and applying this to solve problems. We will be counting in 10's to 120 and 2's to 24 whilst securing our knowledge of ways of making 5 and recalling these facts with increasing speed.

Number formation will be a key focus, ensuring all numbers are formed the right way round and the digits in the correct place e.g. 15 not 51.



History

This term, we will explore how Loddiswell has changed over time, using historical maps alongside a range of primary and secondary sources. Children will investigate what the village was like in the past and compare it with Loddiswell today.

We will move on to comparing how life has changed over time; including school life, toys and technology.



Geography

This term, the children will be looking closely at their local area and where we live. We will explore maps and learn to identify familiar places e.g. school on them whilst spotting geographical features such as roads, rivers and buildings.

We will move on to exploring physical and human features, applying this to our knowledge of map reading.



Science

This term we will be exploring plants in Autumn 1. Looking closely at the parts of a plant and the best environments for plants to survive. We will carry out investigations to prove or disprove their ideas. In Autumn 2 we will be observing seasonal changes.



Art

This term the children will be exploring the skill of drawing through a unit of work called 'Spirals'. We will explore spirals in our environment and experiment making our own spirals in different ways and with different materials.

As part of this, we will explore the work of Maria Sibylla Merian; an artist who was inspired by plants and animals and the patterns in nature.



PE / Physical Development

Active 4 All are back again this year, every Monday.

In their second PE lesson, which will be on a Friday, we will develop our physical skills through a range of fun and active activities. Children will practise dodging and moving with control, link movements together in gymnastics. We will look to improve our ball and racket skills and team work in attack and defence games. Alongside this, we will explore how physical activity keeps us healthy and feeling good.



Computing

The children will be looking at technology around us and exploring the different ways this can be used. We will move on to looking more closely at a computer, identifying the different parts and using the mouse and keyboard with increasing confidence.



RE / Religious Education

This term, pupils will learn about the Christian creation story. They will learn about the key events within the story and be able to retell it using key vocabulary. They will begin to understand that some Christians believe different things about creation.



PSHE / Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be discussing relationships this term, looking at families and friendships, making friends and respecting ourselves and others. We will explore how the make-up of different families and the role of people in our family. We will move on to looking at the importance of being polite and respectful in different situations.



Home learning

The children again will be receiving weekly spellings and we encourage daily reading at home; having an adult listen to the children read will support the children enormously in their learning and application of their phonics knowledge.

