

CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 1 - Spring 2



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Exwick Heights Primary School

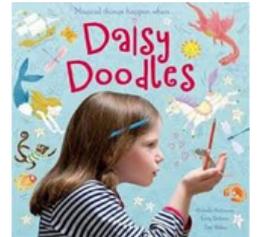
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Wednesday 25th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 1 pupils,

In **English**, Year 1 will be further exploring story writing. They will be using the text "Daisy Doodles" to create a simple story with a real and imaginary character. We will then be learning and writing our own Easter poems. In both units the children will focus upon writing clear sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will also try to use adjectives to make their writing more interesting. We will continue to practise letter formation at the start of each lesson.



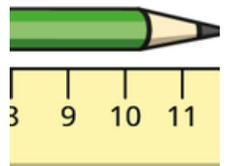
Supporting learning at home: Please encourage your child to complete any English tasks set through 'Doodle English'. Please provide opportunities for your child to practise their handwriting at home. Information about the phonics your child is learning will be included in their weekly home learning; please encourage your child to practise this when doing any handwriting.

Each week, the children take part in three reading practise sessions where they develop their decoding, fluency and comprehension skills by reading a book matched to their phonic knowledge. Any reading that can be done at home is invaluable and will greatly support your child's reading and vocabulary development.



Supporting learning at home: Please continue to support your child by reading with them for at least 15 minutes every day, particularly focusing on their Little Wandle book, which they should be able to read fluently.

In **Mathematics**, the children will consolidate their knowledge of place value as the learning progresses to numbers up to 50. Towards the end of term, the children will be measuring and comparing length, height, mass and volume. We will continue to practise number facts and you can help your child by using Doodle at home.



Supporting learning at home: Help your child by practising counting, numbers bonds within 20. Please encourage your child to complete the activities set on 'Doodle Maths'.



In **Science**, the children will be looping back to their topic on **Seasonal Changes** as they observe the change from winter to spring. They will take part in a number of learning walks to observe the changes in the school grounds and will record these as they go. They will learn about how the day length varies throughout the year and how this affects daylight and make more weather observations.

Supporting learning at home: Recap on the seasons and look out for seasonal changes.

In **Geography**, the children will be starting their new topic **Exeter and Beyond** where they will be looking at where we live. They will learn the location of where we are in the world, using new geographical vocabulary such as *continent*, *county* and *city*. They will then be learning about tourism and the significant landmarks in Exeter and Devon. We will explore the local area and conduct our own field work survey. **Supporting learning from home:** *Look at atlases and maps together.*



In **DT**, the children will be **designing and making** puppets. The children will design templates for their puppets and investigate different ways to join materials. Their learning will culminate in a final design, where they will use their skills to embellish their puppet and evaluate its effectiveness.

Supporting learning from home: *Practise cutting and joining skills.*

In **indoor PE**, the children will be starting their second **gymnastics** unit with a focus on balancing. They will learn how to rock, roll, twist and turn as part of building a sequence. Each lesson, they will perform sequences to their peers and work on performing in canon (one after the other) and unison (together). In **outdoor PE**, the children will focus their skills on **running, jumping and throwing**. They will explore a variety of running techniques and will practise throwing over longer distances. We will be taking part in multi-skills competition at West Exe on 1st April 2026.



Supporting learning from at home: *Practise catching and throwing skills.*



Our **PSHE** topic this half term is **Healthy Me**. The children will think about how to look after themselves and stay healthy. They will discuss how to make healthy choices and learning about the importance of looking after their bodies. This learning can be supported by asking the children what healthy choices they can make at home.

Supporting learning at home: *Discuss food groups and healthy living*

In **RE**, we will be answering the big question '**Who is Jewish and how do they live?**'

The children will continue to learn about Judaism and the Jewish way of life. They will explore more stories from the Old Testament and learn about Jewish festivals.

Supporting learning at home: *Continue to share Bible stories from the old testament and talk about different religions and beliefs*



In **Music**, our topic is "**Under the Sea**". In this unit, the children combine the musical concepts of tempo, dynamics, rhythm and pitch for an underwater-themed performance incorporating instrumental, vocal and body sounds.

Supporting learning at home: *Sing together, listen to music and talk about different artists and styles of music*

Home Learning: All 'core' home learning and reading records will be checked on a Friday with time scheduled in the day to share and celebrate any 'Curiosity' tasks completed.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher directly or email admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk; your query will be passed to them. If you have any concerns or want to bring something to our attention, please do contact the Year Group Lead - Miss Haswell.

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