**Vocabulary**

We are going to be introducing the following vocabulary: hear, sight, smell, touch, taste, senses, sound waves, notes.

**Phonics**

Year 1 are currently reviewing their phonic knowledge and we are focusing on segmenting each sound and blending them to make a word consistently.

**Wonderful Wednesdays**

These will continue to include: Art Sessions, Guitar Sessions, Public Speaking Sessions, Basketball and Sporting Games. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kits on this day. Making sure they have no jewellery on and earrings removed.

**Homework**

Maths homework will be based on the children's learning for that week to consolidate what they have learnt. This needs to be returned to school the following day so we can review it in our maths learning.

Our weekly spelling quiz is every Thursday and the children will receive their new spellings on this day for the following week’s quiz. A recommended strategy for learning spellings is look, say, cover, write, check. This means your child will read the spelling, say it, cover it, write it and then check if they are right.

We also expect children to be reading at least 3 times a week to an adult with their appropriately designated reading book. Any words that your child is struggling to read can be jotted down in the reading record book so they can be practised in class. Reading books will be changed accordingly and we also encourage that reading books are re-read three times with your child in order to extend their understanding and comprehension skills through a variety of questioning. i.e. predicting, interpreting pictures, evaluating, retelling etc.

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**Look and Listen**

Term 1

Year 1

Merlins & Sparrows

Mrs Lewis and Ms Turner
English

Stories about the life of a small girl who lives in Africa with her African dad and Canadian mum and a large extended family. The country is not named but the author has drawn on experiences from her own Nigerian childhood. Modern and traditional aspects of African life are an integral part of the stories.

- To explain what family means to them.
- To make predictions of the storyline.

Mathematics

Year 1 will be counting to 10, counting objects to 10, writing to 10, counting to zero, comparing numbers of objects, ordering numbers and comparing numbers.

Please continue to support your child with number formation.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Look and Listen!' which means we will be focusing on our five senses.

We are exploring how our senses such as hearing travel into our brain to help us hear and appreciate the different sounds around us.

Science

Children will be looking at ‘Living things & habitats’. Within this topic they will be able to name, classify & compare common animals – fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds & mammals.

RE

This term we are learning about God and what Christians believe God is like.