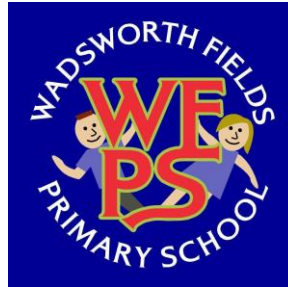


## Year 1 and 2 Spring Term 2025



**Topics:**  
First half term  
Inventors and Inventions  
  
Second half term  
Awesome Africa

### English

This term we will be working on our targets which are to include lots of detail for the reader and to use the conjunction 'and' to join two ideas together. We will continue to use other conjunctions (because, but, so) and adjectives (describing words). We will write stories and descriptions. We will also work on making our letters tall and short and aiming to fit them on the line. Year 2 children might join some letters too.

### Phonics/SPaG

Children have daily phonics sessions whereby they will learn how different combinations of letters in words make different sounds.

### Music

During our music sessions we will listen to different musical styles and think about similarities and differences. We will also practise and perform our own work.

### Art & Design

In the first half term we will be making bridges out of different materials that need to stand on their own. We will be designing and evaluating our bridges and making improvements. In the second half term we will be learning how to paint a still life in the style of Monet. We will then learn some simple clay techniques and use them to create simple pots and pieces of fruit.

### PE - This term is gymnastics

In the first half term we will be developing our gymnastics skills, focusing on how different animals move and how we might be able to replicate those movements. In the second half term we will enjoy playing different invasion games, learning how to move our bodies effectively whilst having fun playing as a team.

### Maths

**Yr1**-Over the first half of the term we will be consolidating addition and subtraction facts to 10, 20 and 50. We will look at recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. During the second half of the term we will be looking at length, height, weight and volume.

**Yr2**- Children will start to use all four operations with more confidence. They will learn to multiply, work with fractions and divide. They will learn to tell the time to 15 minute intervals and focus on money learning values of coins and adding amounts. Both year groups will continue to learn number bonds (pairs of numbers that add to make a total eg 5+5= 10).

### PHSE

First we will learn about how to stay safe including using medicines correctly. We will also discuss safe people who can help us if we feel uncomfortable. After half term we will think about respect. This will include understanding difference and looking after our money and our world.

### RE

Our first focus will be a theme of stories. We will learn some stories Jesus told and find out if there are any ideas which are relevant to our lives today. This will include the idea of everyone being special, being thankful and caring. After half term we will learn about a range of celebrations.

### Science

In the first half term we will be focusing on animals (including humans). We will learn about life cycles and the basic needs of all animals. We will also discuss the importance of exercise and healthy eating. In the second half term we will learn all about living things and their habitats, perhaps comparing animals in the UK to animals in Africa.

### History/Geography

In the first half term (history), we will learn about famous Nottingham inventors and inventions, ranging from William Booth (The Salvation Army) to Frederick Gibson Garton (HP Sauce). In the second half term (geography), we will be learning all about Africa, including its key geographical features and the communities that live there.

### Computing

We will continue to think about how to stay safe online and use IT safely. Year 1 will be working on how to create pictograms to record data and year 2 children will be working on how to use a data base to answer questions. After half term year 1 will be learning about coding, and year 2 will find out about spread sheets.