

Out and About

Autumn 1 2025

Welcome to Year 1

This term the children will be learning about their local area and Popley's place in the United Kingdom. We will spend some of our learning time outdoors looking at different geographical features, exploring maps and comparing Basingstoke to London. We will also be looking at the History of Merton Infant School and seeing how our school has changed over time.

Mrs Epstein
Tawny Owls

Mrs Eglin
Barn Owls

Geography

- Identify human and physical features (man-made or natural)
- Using maps to find landmarks
- Understand the use of land around the local area

Literacy

- Non-Fiction: Posters
- Fiction: Retelling the story 'The Gruffalo.'

PE -

- Games- sending/receiving
- Gymnastics – Shape/Balance

Music

- Ourselves- exploring sounds
- Machines- beat

Maths

- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction

Science

- Materials
- Gathering data and information about the different seasons to support our year study.

RE

- Harvest – Celebration and Thankfulness
- PDL (Personal Development Learning)**
- Being me in my world

Art/DT

- Artist study - Andy Goldsworthy
- Clay tiles using natural objects
- Sculpture

LEARNING VALUES

Motivation – To learn about where we live

Excellence – Creating maps by sharing ideas and local knowledge

Respect - Respecting our local community

Team work – Working together to create a dance routine

Opportunities – To explore the local area.

Never give up – Learning new spelling rules in phonics

Merton Mission – Due Monday 13th October

Make it: Make a map (drawn, collage, computer) of where you live.

Read it: How many different types of settings can you find in your reading books? Can you find a forest setting? Desert? City? Mountains?

Do it: Go for a walk and see what human and physical features you can find? Are there more human or physical features where you live?