Marden Vale CE Academy

# Bumblebee Class

## Term 1 Overview

**01/09/2026-21/10/2026**



## Motor Skills

Daily we have activities to support the development of muscles in our hands.

## Science: Science

This term in Science, we will be exploring a range of exciting topics through **practical, hands-on activities**.
We will learn about **everyday materials** and their properties, explore how **forces can change the shape of objects**, and investigate **states of matter and how heating affects them**.
We will also learn about **animals and humans**, including different animal groups and diets, as well as **plants**, looking closely at their different parts and what they need to grow.
We will explore **seasonal changes and weather**, observing how our environment changes throughout the year and noticing signs of the different seasons.



## woodland wandering

This term, we will be developing children's **independence, confidence and practical life skills** through hands-on activities.
Children will learn about **bumblebees and their importance**, explore nature and the changing seasons, and take part in activities such as autumn walks, leaf collecting, stitching and den building.
We will also encourage children to take **responsibility for their environment** by using garden tools to tidy outdoor areas and prepare them for winter. These activities will support children to work together, follow instructions, develop practical skills and take pride in their surroundings.

Our Value this term is Trust

## Life Skills

This term, we will be learning about **different jobs and roles within our school and wider community**. Children will meet people who help our school run, such as teachers, the cook and office staff, and learn how their roles help us.
We will also explore different careers, including **police officers, dentists and nurses/first aiders**, through discussions, role play and practical activities.
Alongside this, we will be developing **independence and self-help skills**, such as washing our hands, getting out and putting away our own equipment, and taking responsibility for ourselves and our belongings.



## English

Reading - The children will be reading books linked to their phonics.

The children will have 3-5 phonics reading sessions per week.
Day 1 – Decoding – Sounding out the words and blending them together to read the word.
Day 2– Prosody – To encourage the children to read expression.
Day 3 – Comprehension – Children will be asked questions about what has happened in the book they are reading. This is to help them to understand what they are reading.

🖍️ Writing

This term in Writing, we will explore a variety of stories and texts, developing children's confidence in writing sentences and putting events in the correct order. We will focus on grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary, helping children to express their ideas clearly. Children will also have opportunities to create alternative endings and their own versions of stories, encouraging them to use their imagination, develop creative ideas and become more confident writers.

## Maths

This term, we will be going back to the basics and revisiting previous learning. We will focus on building confidence and strengthening our foundational maths skills, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Children will take part in a mix of practical, hands-on activities and paper-based tasks to help them practise and apply their skills.

In PSHE, we will be learning all about ourselves, our hopes and fears. We will talk about responsibilities, rewards and consequences, and how our choices can affect others. Children will be encouraged to share their ideas, answer questions and think about their choices.

RE we are going to be looking at the story of creation, we will look at what people believe and how people's beliefs

🌎 Geography – Seasons and My Calne

This term in Geography, we will be learning all about the seasons and our local area, Calne. Children will explore how the weather and environment change throughout the year and learn to recognise the different seasons. We will also be finding out more about Calne, exploring our local area and identifying familiar places and features. Children will develop their understanding of where they live by looking at simple maps, photographs and the features of our local community.

🎨 **Art**

This term in Art, we will explore **colour, texture and different techniques**. Children will create papier-mâché bumblebees, experiment with **colour mixing, shades and warm and cool colours**, and explore **line and texture** through painting and collage activities.