

 RUSHDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY 	Theme: What makes Rushden our Home? Driver: Geography	Year 1 Autumn 1 2026- 2027
As writers we will... This term, the children will recap and build on skills learnt in Early Years, including revisiting some familiar texts. We will then explore <i>Handa's Surprise</i>, before using our creativity to rewrite the story as a reverse journey. 	As mathematicians we will... This term, children will develop their understanding of number by counting, recognising, ordering and comparing numbers to 20. They will practise counting forwards and backwards, count in tens, and explore one more and one less than a given number. 	As scientists we will...  be able to name basic parts of the human body and understand what senses are and what they do. We will also explore the human body and growth.
 As Geographers we will... This term in Geography, Year 1 will be exploring “What Makes Rushden Our Home?” The children will learn their address, discover important places in Rushden, and find out about road signs and what they mean. They will use maps, read simple map symbols, and learn where they live within the UK. The children will also compare villages, towns and cities, identifying the key features that make each one different.	Reading for Pleasure Class Novel: Super Six Story Spine 	As Technicians we will...  identify different examples of technology and how to use safely. We will be able to identify the main parts of a computer including keyboard, mouse etc. We will also complete sessions using Project Evolve, which focuses on the children’s understanding regarding Online Safety. This term’s focus is, self-image and identity and online relationships.
As designers we will... identify the names of different fruits and discover which we like. After this, we will learn about hygiene and being safe using simple utensils, before making a fruit kebab. 	Home project: As part of our Geography topic, <i>What Makes Rushden Our Home?</i> children are invited to create a “My Rushden” poster. They could include a drawing or photo of a favourite place in Rushden, a simple map or route to school, a road sign they have spotted, and a sentence explaining what they like about living in Rushden.	In Religious Education we will... learn about a place of worship as a special, sacred, place - a space in which to worship God. The focus is on identifying the key features of places of worship within Christianity and what purpose they serve. 
As athletes we will... practising our football skills by learning to control the ball and how pass and shoot accurately. We will also be focus on our Fundamental Movement Skills such as balancing, controlling and moving around the space. 	As musicians we will... be looking at old school hip hop through the song ‘Hey you’ and learning how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together. 	In PSHE we will... be learning the rights and responsibilities of being a member in the class and understanding that individual views are valued. We will also be sharing our achievement so we can feel proud of ourselves and others. 