

# Who was Lord Berners and why was he important to Faringdon?

## Year 1 — Autumn Term 2



### History

As Historians, This term in history, Year 1 will explore what makes Faringdon special. We'll learn about Lord Berners, his creative contributions, and how he influenced our town. Through fun, hands-on activities, the children will discover key historical events and figures that shaped Faringdon's rich past.

### French

In French, we will be learning simple songs and everyday phrases to help us build confidence in speaking and listening. Through music, repetition, and fun activities, we will practise key vocabulary and develop our understanding of French sounds and expressions.

### English

As writers, we will be exploring the building blocks of a sentence and challenging ourselves to add adjectives and extra information to make our writing more detailed. We will also be learning about colourful semantics to help us structure our ideas. Throughout this unit, we will look at a range of books, including *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and *Tree: A Book of Seasons*.

### Phonics

As readers we will follow the Read Write Inc Phonics Scheme where children work in differentiated smaller groups appropriate for their current phonics knowledge. During our phonics lessons we will continue to learn the ditties for each sound, learn new 'special friends' where letters work together to represent sounds, blend for reading and pinching sounds on our fingers when segmenting for spellings. We will also be doing our group reads alongside our phonics sessions, enabling the whole group to access and discuss the same text that is linked to the phonics we have been learning in our groups. We will continue to take home our Book Bag books, linked to our phonics and group reading, so we can practise our skills at home.

### DT

As design technicians, we will be looking at healthy snacks. This will then carry on throughout the year where the children will be able to prepare, eat and wash up their healthy snacks during learning time.

### Music

As musicians, children will delve into the Charanga music. They'll start by listening to the track and identifying the pulse and rhythms. We'll practice clapping out rhythms, playing instrumental parts, and singing along. They will be learning about tempo,

### PSHE

In PSHE we will follow the Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work. We will start the term learning about 'Celebrating difference'. This teaches children to appreciate diversity and understand that everyone is unique. It focuses on recognizing similarities and differences in people, promoting kindness and respect. The unit also introduces the concept of bullying, helping children learn how to manage feelings, build friendships, and resolve conflicts peacefully. Activities foster empathy, encouraging students to celebrate individuality and embrace a positive, inclusive classroom environment.

### Maths

As mathematicians we will embark on an adventure with numbers up to 20! They'll explore counting, comparing, and ordering numbers, discovering the value of each digit and using terms like 'more than' and 'less than' to enhance their number sense. We will also explore 2D and 3D shapes and create patterns using them.

### Science

As scientists we will be exploring the wonders of the winter season and the natural world around us. We'll be investigating how bulbs grow, discovering what happens to trees in the cold months, and learning how different animals adapt to winter conditions. We'll also explore how we can stay safe when it gets darker and investigate how nocturnal animals thrive in low light. Through hands-on experiments and observations, the children will develop their scientific thinking and curiosity. We look forward to sharing their discoveries with you!

### Physical Education

As athletes, children will explore the importance of fundamental movement and dance. They'll discover how mastering basic skills like throwing, catching, and coordination helps them develop confidence and control in physical activities. We'll emphasize how these skills are the foundation for many sports. Children will also practice working individually and in pairs, developing their hand-eye coordination, precision, and focus through a variety of ball games and skill-building activities.

### Religious Education

In RE, children will explore the Christian Christmas story and its significance. They'll learn what Christians believe. What the Christian holy book is and how Christians celebrate special events.