

LITERACY

In Phonics we will be consolidating the letters and sounds the children have already covered, then progressing at each child's own phase level as a whole school. In the first half of the term, the children will be looking at stories with fantasy settings and traditional tales from around the world. There will be a sustained strong focus on sentence structure and letter formation, whilst also introducing adjectives and conjunctions to make writing more interesting to a reader.

HISTORY

What has been the most significant change in the recent past?

In the first half of the Autumn Term topic lessons will be history based. The children will be learning about historical changes in living memory and slightly beyond. This will teach them about homes, toys, technology and much more and how they have changed over time. This topic allows children to start to understand time lines and how to order chronologically as well as sort artefacts and pictures into past and present. We will focus on using the correct historical language.

PE

During outside lessons Year 1 will develop their understanding of different ways of travelling and different types of jumps. They will learn to travel at different speeds and develop an understanding of when these speeds are most useful. Inside, children will continue to think about the speed, weight and size of their movements in the context of dancing in the style of toys from the past and present.

MATHS

Maths lessons this term will be consolidating and extending the children's prior learning. Lessons will be based around place value, the number system, adding and subtracting. We will also be learning more about 2D and 3D shapes as well as measurement and introducing standard units of measurement into our learning.

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PSHCE

Along with celebrated national events, Year 1 will be learning about keeping safe and looking for potential hazards in daily life during our PSHCE sessions. After half term PSCE will be all about healthy bodies and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.

GEOGRAPHY

Where is our school?

In the second half of the Autumn Term, our topic will be Geography based. The children will begin to learn about the world, starting with their immediate environment and building on their prior knowledge from 'Understanding the World' in Reception. Children will explore their school environment using first-hand observation and experience to enhance their awareness along with essential map skills and fieldwork.

SCIENCE

What makes different types of animals unique? In the first half of the term the children will learn about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals. They will learn to identify and classify animals according to their group. They will also learn about the different diets animals eat. Children will learn about the parts of the human body and have the opportunity to explore the five senses through a simple investigation. After half term the children will look at seasonal changes between Autumn and Winter - even setting up our own class weather station.

ART

This term in art, the children will revisit primary colours and explore how to create secondary colours. They will learn about the artist Kandinsky, eventually producing work in his style using chalk and oil pastels and use their new skills in colour mixing to create aliens in line with their English topic, Beegu.

ICT

In ICT this term the children will spend some time learning how to navigate Purple Mash they will soon be able to create their pour paint projects, save and retrieve their work. They will also be introduced to the idea of coding.

RE

Why are rules and routines so important? Year 1 will learn why we have rules and routines and how they help us in our everyday lives. The children then will learn about rules and routines from the viewpoint of different religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism. Towards the end of the unit, children are introduced to humanism.