

Curriculum Overview

Year 1 Autumn Term

How you can help at home

- It is essential for children to read daily. PLEASE make sure your child reads every day and that they remember to bring their reading book into school, so we can read with them too and keep books updated.
- Home Learning will go home on a Monday, please choose an activity to complete each week.
- Children learn so much from reading and being read to. Please encourage children to read for pleasure or read a book to them. Don't forget the power of a bedtime story!
- The children will also have tricky words to learn by sight and then to spell. Please help them practise these regularly.
- There are many maths games including NUMBOTS which is a fantastic resource for learning 10 bonds.

RE

With a specific focus on Christian and Islam traditions and practices, we find out how people with different religious and worldviews celebrate nature and take care of our world. We also look at a charity that focusses on justice and fairness. Before moving on to symbols and actions and the importance of light in many religions.

Phonics

Phonics is a primary focus in Year 1 and we practise the different phases systematically on a daily basis. This is incorporated into our Guided Reading and our English writing too. (Please also see the tips for supporting phonics at home)

English

We will begin by revising and consolidating early writing skills and phonics knowledge from Reception Class. We will be exploring fiction and non-fiction texts and practising writing simple sentences, labelling, lists and instructions. Our first texts will include *Gruffalo*, *Crumble* and *Other Recipes* by Julia Donaldson and *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony.

Science

This term's topic is *Animals* including humans and we will be learning and identifying parts of the body, including the sense organs and understanding their use. We then move onto classifying animals based on what they eat, features and animal groups. We will also be looking at how nature is changing as we move to autumn and then towards winter.

Computing

We will be learning about how to be safe online, logging on and becoming familiar with Purple Mash, which we will be using throughout the year. We will also be having fun with BeeBots and learning simple algorithms to program their movements.

Personal Development (PD)

Following the Jigsaw framework, we discuss 'Being Me in My World'. We discuss ways we feel safe and how we can create safe environment in our class where we belong. We discuss feelings and how to look out for each other.

Maths

We will begin by revising and consolidating early number work from last year. We then move onto understanding number value and the different ways it can be represented and compared. During the Autumn term, our main focus will be on place value and addition and subtraction up to 10.

Geography & History

In *Geography*, we explore The UK – the different countries, finding out about their flags and key landmarks. Learning new vocabulary; countryside, urban, coast, city, town, we become familiar with some physical and human geography too.

In *History*, we will learn about the Gunpowder Plot 1605, Guy Fawkes and why and how this historical event is remembered today on Bonfire Night November 5th.

Art & DT

Art will explore natural sculpture and in particular Goldsworthy. This will link to outdoor learning and we will be making our own natural sculpture designs.

DT will look at moving pictures and how to design and create a mechanism. We will learn about the sequences of stages for design technology to create a gift for someone special.

Music

Including learning and singing different arrangements for Harvest and Christmas. We will also be learning about rhythm, tempo and dynamics through listening to pieces of music and having a go ourselves!

