

Welcome to Year 1.

The team working with the lovely children in Year 1 this year are Mrs Bond, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Clowse, Mrs Bailey and Miss Pryce.

In Year 1, this half term we shall be covering...



In Maths this half term, we'll be extending our knowledge of number and place value to 50. Whilst continuing to add and subtract within 20.

We will then move onto exploring length and height for example: long/short, longer/shorter, tall/short and double/half.

Towards the end of the term, we will learn about mass and capacity. We will be learning about: heavy/light, heavier than, lighter than, full/empty, more than/less than, half/quarter full.



This half term in English, we'll be exploring a number of texts types including a story based on Monkey See, Monkey Do and writing a recount. We will continue to practise our handwriting everyday and form our lower case letters correctly, ensuring that we start and finish in the right place.

Within these texts types, we'll be learning a range of grammatical devices including prefixes and suffixes. We will continue to punctuate our sentences correctly and begin to use exclamation marks and questions marks within our writing.

In Shared Reading, we will continue to explore key vocabulary and discuss the meaning of words whilst making links to new meanings. We will practise re-telling stories and discuss the significance of the title and events. We will also be participating in discussions about what we have been reading. We will be looking at the following books: The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark and a selection of poetry books.

The children will continue on their Read Write Inc programme with daily sounds shared separately.



This half term in Science, we will be finishing off our plants topic and then we will be moving on to explore the topic of animals including humans. We will identify and name animals that are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will investigate animals that live in our environment by completing field work in our local area.



This half term we are studying Geography.

Within this area of study, our children will learn all about the local area. We will learn about the role of a geographer and build up knowledge about the local area by going out and exploring. We will identify human and physical features and learn how a compass can help us. We will be going on a field trip to our local area and be learning how to record data related to it.



This term in Music, we will continue our musical journey by exploring songs and dances from Africa. We will explore musical traditions and we will learn songs, rhymes and dances from different countries and continents. Our playlist will include Waka Waka, Che Che Kule, Funga Alafia, Tam Tam Tambalay and Mabata Wadogo.



In Art and Design, Year 1 will be developing their painting skills. We will use the artists Piet Mondrian and Alma Woodsey Thomas to inspire our learning. Children will learn to about primary and secondary colours. They will learn to use a paintbrush like a real artist, but they will also learn that we can apply paint in different ways, sometimes without even using a paintbrush!



The half term focus this term is "Habitats and Wildlife". We will be exploring the native wildlife in our area and their habitats. Children will also be using secateurs safely to cut sticks into specific lengths to create habitats. This links to their PSHCE learning unit "caring for animals". We will also be hosting our parent workshops this half term to highlight the children's learning thus far, such as fire lighting, den building and knot tying.



This term we'll be delving into the religion of Christianity and exploring why people celebrate Easter.

Within this religion, we'll be exploring the themes of Palm Sunday and looking at the concept of salvation.

We will work towards being able to ask the key question 'Why was Jesus welcomed like a king by the crowds on Palm Sunday?'

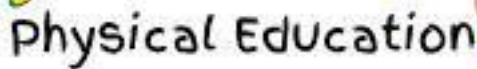


Within PSHE we will focus on safety and the changing body. We will explore how to respond to adults in a range of different situations, inside and outside of school.

In addition, we'll be exploring how to make an emergency phone call and what to do if we were to get lost. We will look at staying safe in our homes and learning about the people that keep us safe.



This half term, we'll be introduced to digital painting. We will use the iPads to create self portraits using the sketches app. We will experiment with using different tools on the sketches app to add purpose to our drawings. Using lines and the fill tool will enhance our own digital artwork.



In PE, our focus will be on invasion games. We will be learning to get into a good position ready to receive and pass the ball, using a bounce pass. We will be moving round safely and changing direction confidently and competently. We will focus on bouncing/ dribbling balls and pushing and receiving hockey balls. We will finish with dribbling a ball with our feet, using good control and trapping the ball under our foot to stop it.