

Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1 2022

In English, we are going to start the term by exploring rhyming poetry. We will enjoy reading a variety of poems by authors such as Michael Rosen, before having a go at writing our own rhymes. After our poetry unit, we will be writing our own adventure stories.

In reading lessons, we will be enjoying various stories by the author Julia Donaldson. We can't wait to explore the characters, stories, rhymes and illustrations.

In P.E., we will be completing a dance unit for indoor P.E. Children will be focusing on learning flamenco style dancing, to enrich our learning in Spanish. They will use what they have learnt to compose and perform a routine. In outdoor P.E, they will be taught the skills for tennis by KICK (external service) and will be applying these skills to game situations.

In R.E., children will be exploring the question, 'What is the Good News that Jesus brings?' We will be taking a deeper look at what Christians can learn about Jesus in the Gospels, especially the themes of friendship, forgiveness and peace.

In PSHCE, we will be completing a unit of work on 'Working Together'. We will develop skills in communication and practise turn taking by completing group tasks.

Our current author is:
Julia Donaldson

Spanish:

Year 1 have really enjoyed getting to grips with learning a new language this year. Last half term our theme was 'Greetings', in which we learnt how to hold introductory conversations with others.

This half term we are moving on to learning about colours and numbers. Please see the Spanish Knowledge Organiser and vocabulary list to find out more details.

Geography: Spatial Sense

In this unit, we will be exploring simple maps of our school and local area. We will be using compass directions and locational language to describe features and routes on maps. We will be having a go at plotting our route to school and finding our way round the Pathfinder grounds from our own maps. We will begin to look at aerial photographs to see if we can identify some human and physical features such as roads, houses and parks.

Science: The Human Body

We will be recapping previous learning on the basic body parts and will be able to say which part is associated with each of the 5 senses. We will also be exploring our senses including going on a sound walk, feeling various materials and thinking about our favourite foods. We will be finding out about our basic needs for survival and thinking about exercise, diet and hygiene.

Art: Colour

This half term we are learning about colour. We will be exploring both primary and secondary colours, as well as discovering how famous artists use both warm and cool colours for effect. We will be looking at artwork by Van Gogh, Bruegel and Monet to notice and compare how they use colours.

Maths

In maths this half term we will begin by consolidating our knowledge of place value to 20. We are then going to further extend this knowledge by exploring numbers to 50. We will be looking at the different ways we can represent numbers to 50 including on number lines, in diagrams and words.

After that, we will recap our knowledge of addition and subtraction in order to apply it to numbers up to 50. We will explore different methods of completing these calculations such as using a number line, part-part whole model or number facts.



Reminders

All children need to have their coloured reading book and planner in school every day. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by teachers weekly on Monday mornings.

Home Learning

Spelling tests are every Friday and new spellings will be given out on a Thursday. Home learning tasks are given on Fridays and must be returned by Thursday the following week. Home learning tasks will also be posted on each class Teams page as an assignment.

P.E

P.E is on Tuesdays and Fridays, a fully labelled P.E. kit must be in school on these days. Tuesday is an outdoor P.E. lesson so you might want to ensure you have your warmer clothing.



Dates for your diary:

There are currently no key dates for this half term as we settle back in to our learning routines and limit the number of visitors in school due to the current COVID restrictions.