

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Autumn 2 Topics



Welcome to our Year 1 Autumn 2 Term.

Term Dates: Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

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Don't forget:

Indoor PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons, please keep indoor PE kits in school.

Outdoor PE will be on Monday afternoons.

Spelling test is on Thursday.

ENGLISH

In our English lessons this term, we will be studying texts linked to our topic of Fire, Fire! First the children will be hearing a number of poems linked to the Great Fire of London, before writing their own poem about Bonfire Night. (Their first piece of homework will be to take their family to witness a firework display)

Next, we will be learning more about the Great Fire of London, reading reports about this and also the Gunpowder Plot and the Black Death which preceded the Fire, before writing our own Non-Chronological Report about the Great Fire. (This will be further developed in History. Finally, we will be embarking on our second story – Zog. Again, please do not read this book with your child, until just before Christmas, since we will be making predictions at various points in the story.

We will continue to read for pleasure as a whole class and spellings will be given weekly. Children are encouraged to read at home daily from our revamped home readers, and they will be heard in school 4 days a week. On Thursdays, children will have an opportunity to change their library book and share this with you at home.

MATHS

In our Maths Lessons we will study the following:

Week 1 – 4 Addition and Subtraction (within 10) Part 2.

Week 5 – Geometry (Shape)

Week 6 – 7 Place Value (within 20)

We will continue with our Progression in Number bonds within 20 starting with Phase 1 – Adding 1 and Phase 2 – Doubling to 10.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic in Autumn is the Exploring Everyday Materials 1.

Exploring Everyday Materials' is the first part of two units. This unit takes children through six lessons where they learn how to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. They also learn how to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. They describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. And finally, they learn how to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

We will also cover learning around Autumn, and if it snows, Winter.

RE

This unit helps children understand the birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. They learn the main events of the story, the importance of Mary's "Yes" to God, and how angels act as God's messengers. Children begin to see who Jesus is, Saviour and Christ, through the angels' announcements. They also explore how Christians celebrate Jesus' birth through art, understanding that art can express belief and tell a story. Children will think about Advent and Christmas celebrations in their school, parish, and local community.

PSHE

This term's PSHE unit is called 'Valuing Difference'. We will look at what makes people similar and different and how to value and celebrate those differences. We will also learn how to develop tolerance. The children will explore what is meant by fair and unfair.

COMPUTING

Our Computing topic this term is: We are Publishers. In this topic we will learn all about eBooks, what they are, and how we can make our own by importing images, adding audio and finally images and written text, before we get to review and read one another's stories.

HISTORY

Our History topic this term is based around 'The Great Fire of London'. We will compare how things were different in those days to our own lives. We will look at artefacts to help us understand what life was like. Then we will write a short diary, using Samuel Pepys diary as an example. At the end of this unit we will have a fun dress up day when the children can come dressed in traditional Stewart/ Tudor clothing.

DT

In Design and Technology this term, we will be learning how to create their own moving books. Children will explore simple mechanisms such as sliders, levers and wheels, discovering how these parts help pictures move. They will look at examples of moving storybooks, practise making each type of mechanism, and then design and make their own page for a class book. Through this project, children develop cutting, joining and assembling skills while learning how movement can bring stories to life.

MUSIC

Dance, Sing and Play
Children explore rhythm (long and short sounds) and pitch (high and low sounds) through singing, moving and playing instruments.

PE

This term, Year 1 will be developing key Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS), with a focus on catching, throwing and the underarm throw. Children will learn how to control their movements, use correct technique, and apply these skills in simple games and activities. They will practise accuracy, coordination and teamwork while building confidence in handling equipment.