

YEAR 1 AUTUMN 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Autumn 1 Topics



Welcome to our Year 1 Autumn 1 Term.

Term Dates: Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 24th October.

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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; children should bring their Outdoor PE kits to school.

Homework will be set on Fridays.

ENGLISH

In our English lessons this term, we will be studying texts linked to our topic of Penguins, Possums and Pigs. First the children will be introduced to Harry the Mouse and learning some of his favourite poems and rhymes, before meeting a very special penguin in Lost and Found (Please avoid reading this text with your children, since much of the work will be developing their prediction skills)

We will also be learning a variety of different animals and preparing fact files about animals that live in the North and South Poles – areas that will also be studied in Geography.

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 and they will be heard in school 4 days a week. On Thursday, 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 – 3 Place Value (within 10)

Week 4 – 7 Addition and Subtraction (within 10) Part 1.

From Week 4 onwards we will begin our Progression in Number bonds within 20 starting with Phase 1 – Adding 1.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic in Autumn 1 is the 'Animals, including humans - All about me'; the first part of two units. This unit takes children through six lessons where they learn how to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

RE

In our RE sessions, we will be learning about our immediate family, our school family and relating this to our wider parish family. Then we will start learning about what it means to belong, and how children are baptised and welcomed into the Catholic Family.

PSHE

This term's PSHE unit is called 'Me and My Relationships'. We will identify a range of feelings and how these can affect ourselves and others. We will discuss friendships and talk about special people in our lives and our community.

COMPUTING

Our Computing topic this term is: 'We are Digital Artists', in which we will be using Brushes Redux to imitate a range of modern artists including Rothko, Kandinsky, Picasso and Matisse, before using Sketchbook to produce a piece based on Mondrian's style of rectangles.

GEOGRAPHY

In our Geography lessons we will be learning about hot and cold places. We will explore which plants and animals live in those places. We will also learn about oceans and continents and where they are in relation to the equator.

ART

Our Art topic is based around penguins and the winter scenery. We will explore the artist David McEown and try to create our own observational drawings and paintings. We will also make a 3-D penguin out of salt dough. We will learn about primary and secondary colours.

MUSIC

Our Music topic this term is based around a Hip Hop song for children called Hey You! We will learn about pulse and rhythms. We will sing, dance and play some instruments like the xylophone and the recorder.

PE

During our Indoor PE sessions, we will be practicing different skills (FMS) linked to the story Lost and Found; while outside we'll be developing our underarm throwing techniques.