



Curriculum Newsletter

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Year 1

Our PE day is: Monday

Our homework day is: Wednesday. The children will be given a Homework grid to be completed throughout the term. They can choose the order they wish to complete the task and they will share their work with their peers every Wednesday. Reading as well as Letters and Sounds should be practised **daily**. Spellings are given out to learn on a Tuesday and will be tested on the following Monday.

Our maths award day is: Monday (Bi-Weekly)

Our theme for this term is: My Home is My Castle

Literacy

- Key Stories, Fairy Stories and Traditional Tales.

The children will be sharing the traditional stories of The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. They will retell the stories in different ways including role play and Talk For Writing. They will use these experiences to write their own story, with the same characteristics as the traditional tales.

- Report

Later this term, the children will be writing reports exploring a factual way of writing an event.

- Instructions

The children will be looking at and writing instructions for building their own Castle.

The children will also use directional language to give instructions for the 3 Little Pigs to visit each other's houses. .

- Poetry (Rhyming couplets and performing free verse)

The children will listen to, read, write and perform poetry based on our topic work and science work on seasonal changes - Winter.

Maths

Areas of mathematics to be explored this term are:

Time
Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Measures (length, weight, capacity)
Multiplication and Division
Fractions
Money

Each of these areas will be taught with children reviewing and revisiting each area throughout the term. In addition to this, where plausible and possible the maths objectives will be linked with other areas of the curriculum.

Science

The children will be working scientifically in order to investigate everyday materials. They will compare and group everyday materials based on their various properties. We will identify and name a range of everyday properties of materials. The children will continue to study seasonal changes as we progress through the year.

Computing

In addition to continuing to master logging in unaided, the children will be collecting and returning their laptops themselves. We will be learning about algorithms and creating simple programs offline, online, and using floor robots. The children will also be accessing and changing online simulation and will cover e-safety issues relevant to the topics covered.

History

The children will be taught changes within living memory. This will include how homes have changed through time. We will also consider Castles as a home. They will also be asking and answering questions to develop their investigation and research skills.

Geography

Throughout this topic the children will be using geographical vocabulary to describe local and familiar features. This will include simple fieldwork and observational skills and comparing our locality to another country through our work on homes.

Music

Music will follow the Charanga program which allows children to develop a range of musical skills. They will be using their voice expressively through a range of songs, chants, and rhymes. They will be playing tuned and untuned instruments. The children will also continue to develop their concentration skills by listening to a range of high quality and live music.

Design Technology

During Design and Technology sessions the children will be using their topic work on homes and castles, to design and create a safe and secure castle for Jack and his mother to live in. They will consider and select the most appropriate materials to build and construct their castle.

Art

The children will develop and share their ideas during art when drawing homes. They will be using a range of materials in order to develop pattern, colour texture, line and shape.

Physical Education

The first half of this term the children will be indoors doing gymnastics. The second half of the Spring term we will be covering net and wall games

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- Special symbols and objects

The children will reflect upon their own special objects. We will then explore special symbols and objects of the Christian community and other major world faiths.