



Year 1 – Spring 1

Topic/theme

Bright Lights Big City: Hop on board a big, red bus and head for England's capital. Yes, that's right, we're on our way to London!

This half term, we'll plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom. Our research will take us back in time to the Great Fire of London and to famous London landmarks, as well as giving us an understanding of what it's like to live in a big city.

Reading

In Year 1 we build knowledge of sounds and reading fluency through daily Read Write Inc Phonics lessons. We also build children's enjoyment of reading through daily stories and our Favourite Five texts.

Writing

This half term, Year 1 will be learning how to write a traditional 3-part story using the tale of the Ugly Duckling. Next, they will write a simple recount linked to their Geography lessons about Paddington at the Tower.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will extend our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction from numbers up to 10 to numbers up to 20. We will use White Rose Maths and Maths No Problem and use a range of concrete materials including cubes, counters and number lines.

PSHE

In this half term, the children talk about setting simple goals, how to achieve them as well as overcoming difficulties when they try. The children learn to recognise the feelings associated with facing obstacles to achieving their goals as well as when they achieve them. They discuss partner working and how to do this well.





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Science

MATERIALS – The children will begin the half term with a focused unit learning about a famous scientist, John Macadam.

SEASONAL CHANGES – They will then turn their attention back to seasonal changes, answering the main question “How does winter / spring have an impact on what we can do?” over several weeks with a range of activities.

Computing & Online Safety

Lego Builders: This unit encourages children to begin to think logically about scenarios. Children will be introduced to the term ‘algorithm’, a concept which is at the core of coding. They will follow and create simple instructions on the computer.

Managing Information Online: In Online Safety lessons, Year 1 will learn about how we use the internet to find things out including things we like and do not like. The class will learn strategies to support them if they encounter something sad or frightening when using the internet.

Design & Technology

TAXI: This project teaches children about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move. The class will make their own taxis, linked to their learning in Bright Lights Big City.

Geography

In Geography, we will learn about the four main countries within the United Kingdom. The children will learn about physical features of cities, and use their knowledge from ‘Our Wonderful World’ to plan routes to famous landmarks.

Music

In the Groove: In The Groove is a song that was specially written for classroom use to teach children about different styles of music. This is a very easy song to learn and has been arranged in six different styles; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Each week the children will listen and learn a different style of In The Groove.





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RE

Milad un Nabi: We will study Islam this half term. The festival of Milad un Nabi commemorates the birth of the Prophet Muhammad. During the festival, Muslims hear stories of Muhammad's life, visit the mosque, sing songs, share a meal with family and give to those in need.

However, Milad un Nabi is not celebrated by all Muslims. There is no evidence that Muhammad celebrated his birthday, so many Muslims don't celebrate birthdays either.

PE

This half term we will be working with our PE coach Andy to work on our movement and balance skills in gymnastics.

