



Year 1 – Autumn 1

Topic/theme

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD: In this project, your child will learn the meaning of the terms geography, physical feature and human feature. They will use maps, including picture maps, globes, online mapping tools and world maps. Your child will learn to use positional language, such as next to and behind, and directional language, such as forwards and backwards. They will also become familiar with the cardinal compass points, north, south, east and west. They will learn the names and positions of the continents and oceans of the world and understand the terms equator, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere. They will also know the location of some hot and cold places. They will study maps to learn the names, capital cities and positions of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out the characteristics of a village, a town and a city. They will study aerial photographs and spot familiar areas of their locality from above.

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 getting ready to write with a range of exciting texts. We will develop exciting adjectives to describe characters and places in our stories, and learn when to use capital letters and full stops.

Maths

In Maths, we will spend the half term revising our knowledge of the numbers 1-10 using a variety of concrete resources, counting and addition.

PSHE

In this Puzzle (unit), the children are introduced to their Jigsaw Journals and discuss their Jigsaw Charter. As part of this, they discuss rights and responsibilities, and choices and consequences. The children learn about being special and how to make everyone feel safe in their class as well as recognising their own safety.





Science

ANIMALS: In this topic, we will explore common examples of fish, mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles. We will learn about their habitats and discover similarities and differences between the animals. We will also learn the names of the main body parts (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth) and know that these body parts can vary between animals.

Art and Design

MIX IT: This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork.

Geography

In Geography, we will learn about maps and be introduced to the directional language of North, East South and West. We will learn about hot and cold places and the equator, and the difference between towns, cities and villages.

Music

HEY YOU!: The song is written in an Old-School Hip Hop style for children to learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.

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DIWALI: We will study Hinduism this half term. Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated in October or November and is one of the most popular Hindu festivals. It lasts for five days and marks the Hindu New Year.

PE

This half term we will be working with our PE coach James to develop teamwork skills through Games.

