

YEAR GROUP OVERVIEW



Year 1 – Spring 1

English - Reading

Reading is an invaluable part of your child's education and is key to learning in all subjects across the curriculum. We aim to develop our children into confident and fluent readers, and to broaden their vocabulary, by exposing them to a rich diet of high-quality texts from a range of different genres. Reading is taught in Key Stage One through the Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics scheme. Pupils access daily phonics lessons which are targeted at pupils' individual stage of reading development. Pupils learn how to segment, and blend sounds to read words.

English - Writing

Pupils write using this half term's texts as a stimulus through our NELT Key Stage One Teaching and Learning Cycle. They will learn key grammar and punctuation knowledge within writing lessons which they will use within their writing.

Instructions: Children will build on their sentence work from the Autumn term to learn about command sentences and to write a set of simple instructions for something they know well.

Narrative: Children will build on their simple sentence work from the Autumn term by sequencing sentences to retell a familiar story.

Grammar and Punctuation: Children will continue to deepen their knowledge of when to use capital letters and will learn about question marks. They will also learn continue to learn about common nouns and proper nouns. They will continue to use 'Hold a Sentence' and 'Fred Talk' for spelling as well as continuing to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops within a range of sentences.

Maths

The main focus of maths teaching and learning Key Stage One is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value. This will involve working with numerals, words and the four operations, including with practical resources [for example, concrete objects and measuring tools]. Within lessons and in the classroom environment there will be lots of opportunities for repetition and practise of the skills learned as this is key to securing their knowledge for rapid recall and application in other contexts.

During Spring One, Year One will learn and practise their skills in the following areas:

- Place Value: Numbers to 20
- Calculations: Addition and Subtraction within 20
- Place Value: Numbers to 50

- Measurement: Length and Height
- Measurement: Mass and Volume

Children will also continue to secure their knowledge in skip counting in twos, fives and tens.

Science

Everyday Materials: During this unit of work, which spans all of Spring Term, children will learn about different materials and be able to identify objects made from different materials. They will be able to identify the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. Children will group and sort different materials based on their properties.

Seasonal Changes: Children observe and discuss the changes from Autumn to Spring. They will look at the changes in weather, plants and the behaviour of animals (including humans) as the seasons change.

Across all science units, children will learn about and have the opportunity to learn about working scientifically and will have opportunities to develop their skills in:

- Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- Observing closely, using simple equipment
- Performing simple tests
- Identifying and classifying
- Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

History

The Great Fire of London: Classes will learn that The Great Fire of 1666 is an event that most people know about today because it changed the face of London as we know it today. They will look at how we think the fire started; think about how we know what we know about the past (sources of evidence) and learn about daily life at the time.

Art

Fire! Fire! Linked to their 'Great Fire of London' learning in history, children explore modern fire engines and their features, before exploring, designing, creating and evaluating their own 17th century model fire engine using wheels, axles and chassis.

Computing

In computing, the children will begin their 'Lego Builders' unit, where they will complete paint projects and writing templates online, as well as quizzes! They will follow instructions to complete tasks without complete instructions, follow and create simple instructions for the computer to follow and consider how the instructions will affect the result. They will be introduced to algorithms, programming and debugging.

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. It has been arranged in six different styles; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Each week children will listen and learn a different style of In The Groove.

In the Listen and Appraise section of this unit, children will also listen to a well-known song in that week's style.

PSHE – Being Me in My World

Dreams and Goals: We follow the Jigsaw scheme of learning for PSHE sessions. In this Puzzle, 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 also discuss partner working and how to do this well.

Religious Education (R.E.)

Judaism: Who is Jewish and how do they live? This is an introduction to Judaism. Children learn about Jewish worldviews and ways of life. They will learn about texts from the Torah and their importance for Jewish people today.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In PE this term Year 1 will be practising their Tennis skills.