

Year One Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term 2019

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another exciting, jam-packed Spring term.

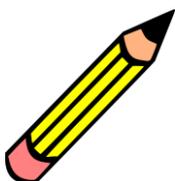


Reading continues to remain a great focus and children are still expected to read each day at home and in school. This continues to take the form of Shared Reading in class, reading to adults and peers and individual one to one reading. Please continue to encourage your child to read their book more than once in order to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. Children will also continue to have a library book to share and enjoy. Please hear your child read as often as you can at home, at least three times a week, asking and answering questions about the text together. If you are able to support reading in school, please contact us as we are always on the lookout for more opportunities for the children to read and share their learning.

In PSHE we will be discussing feelings and relationships. The children will be learning to understand and manage their own feelings and those of others. We will be continuing to celebrate personal successes and talk through worries in a safe supportive environment.



In English we will be studying various texts related to our 'It's a Knight's Tale' topic followed by 'Discover and Change'. We will be continuing the focus on leaving spaces between words, using capital letters and full stops. We will also be using a capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I', names of people, places, days of the week and beginning to punctuate sentences with a question mark. We will be continuing to sequence sentences to form short narratives but showing some awareness that ideas/events may be put into an appropriate order using time related words, numbers or ordering pictures or captions. We will be learning the spelling rule for adding -s and -es and also learning how to use -ing and -ed where no change is needed to the root word. In handwriting, we are continuing to practise cursive script, keeping our letters on a line and of a consistent size, in relation to capital letters.



In Maths, the children are learning to count in multiples of twos and tens. In addition and subtraction, we will be learning to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. We will be learning to add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero. Within multiplication and division, we will be learning to solve one-step problems involving multiplication, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. In fractions, we will be learning to recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. Within measurement, we will be comparing, describing and solving practical problems for weight and time (minutes) and continuing to learn to tell and record the time to the hour and half past.

Our History topics for this term are 'A Knight's Tale' and 'Discover and Change' in which we will be identifying similarities and differences between life in different periods and looking at changes over time through the study of castles. We will be learning about Mary Anning as a significant individual and her achievements.

In Geography, we will be learning about countries and capital cities of the UK.

Science work will focus upon plants and working scientifically. The children will be using their local environment to ask and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat. We will be observing the growth of plants and becoming familiar with common names of flowers and trees. The children will be performing simple tests and learning to identify and classify.



Design and Technology will be focusing on designing purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and others. We will also be building structures and exploring food.

Art for the term will be focusing on the technique of printing and using clay. We will also look at the work of Turner and investigate fossils.



In RE we will explore the concepts of Authority and Palm Sunday.

Each week the children will have one period of PE and one period of games. We will be developing gymnastic skills and outdoor games. The children will continue to develop their teamwork skills and take part in a variety of activities.

In music, the children will be learning about rhythm and pitch. They will continue to learn how all aspects of music are interrelated and will learn a variety of topic related songs. They will be learning to play different tuned and untuned instruments and will continue to explore their sounds through controlled technique.



Topic homework ideas will once again be sent out so that you can help to continue your child's exciting learning outside of school. Thank you for all the amazing pieces and projects that you helped your child to produce last term. Please take the time to visit our 'Hooray for Homework' display, which always features our latest topic projects.

Thank you for your continued support - we look forward to another fantastic term!

