

Year 1 – Spring 1



Phonics

Following the Read Write Inc scheme, the children will continue learning their set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. The children will blend sounds together to form words and will be identifying a range of red words (words that are not phonetically decodable). Children will be put into groups that match their reading level. In these groups, they will revisit old sounds, whilst learning a range of new sounds that will help them with their reading and writing.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Science

This half term in science our topics are seasonal changes to explore the difference between autumn and winter. Next, we will learn about materials. We will enhance our scientific skills by investigating different materials to explore their properties.

Computers

During computing lessons, we will be exploring algorithms using Scratch Jr. We will discover the vocabulary inputs and outputs and identify examples of these in our everyday lives. We will use the Scratch Jr app to make something grow and shrink and think about what we needed to input for this to happen.

Mastering Number

Children will be exploring the composition of their numbers more closely, seeing what makes these numbers and discovering one more and one less. This will support their work in maths lessons.

Important dates/ information

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February

Maths

In our maths lessons, we will be developing our understanding of our numbers to 20. We will be learning the importance of place value with our teen numbers and we will be adding and subtracting some of our 2-digit numbers. In our place value topic, we will discover that our 2-digit numbers are made up of tens and ones and this will support us further with our addition and subtraction. We will explore our numbers in a variety of ways, including on number lines.

PE

In PE lessons this half term, the children will be developing their ball skills. They will be learning to move balls around the room with their hands and their feet, focusing on controlling the ball and increasing their accuracy when moving with a ball towards a target.

History

Learning about events, people and places in the local area, we will be learning about the Great North Run. We will create a timeline of the history of the Great North Run and use artefacts from the race to answer the question, 'is the Great North Run great?'

Art

We will be looking at painting during our art block, exploring our primary colours and mixing to make secondary colours. We will create our own artwork using watercolours.

Music

During Spring Term 1, we will be learning to sing and perform 'In the Groove'. During this topic we will explore blues music before comparing it to the rap and hip-hop music that we have previously been learning.

RE

During RE lessons, we will be looking at the local church and our community. We will discover the special people in our lives who are there to help us. Next, we will look at gathering together at church on Sundays and look at how the parish family gather together to celebrate mass. Finally, we will look at how Jesus is the most special person for the parish family.

PHSE/RSE

We will be learning about how God loves us. We will also explore special people in our lives around us. Linking with our E-safety learning, we will be thinking about real life online to help us stay safe. Finally, we will be learning about secrets and thinking about good and bad secrets.

At Home

The children's reading books are changed every Tuesday and they will keep this book for the week. They need to bring this into school every day, as there are always reading opportunities throughout the day. Homework goes home every Friday and is due back into school on a Wednesday. This always corresponds to the maths or grammar work that we have completed during the week.