

Year 1 Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn Term

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English

We will begin Autumn 1 with caption writing about Elmer, followed by Tiddler. Our focus will be on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Our 'Talk for Writing' will start with an 'All About Me' text, and we will then move on to explore the traditional tale of 'The Little Red Hen'. In Autumn 2, we will use the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' as a stimulus for our writing, and will end with writing a letter to Santa. The children will be introduced to cursive handwriting.

Maths

We will secure a strong understanding of numbers to 10, so children can confidently apply this to larger numbers later. They will explore addition, subtraction and partitioning within 10, build fluency in number bonds, and use practical resources such as Numicon, part-whole models, ten frames and number lines. Building on Reception learning, they will also master basic 2D and 3D shape language and explore patterns.

Phonics

We will be recapping Phase 3 sounds and introducing Phase 5 sounds. There will be lots of opportunity for the children to develop their confidence in using these sounds to segment and blend words for reading and spelling. Reading fluency will develop through the regular reading of tricky words.

Music

We will explore 'Old School Hip Hop', listening to and appraising a range of songs in this style. Children will identify different instruments used in the music and learn how pulse and rhythm work together, helping them to compose their own rap.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will explore what makes them feel special, happy and safe at school. They will learn about being part of a class and how they can contribute as members of a team and wider community. The children will also have opportunities to recognise their own strengths, celebrate their successes and feel proud of their achievements.

Enrichment Offer

Children will develop their independence, communication, teamwork, creativity and personal responsibility. A rich enrichment programme - including a Victorian visitor, Victorian Day, pantomime, No Pen Day, Christmas Party and parent workshops, all of which build cultural capital and bring learning to life.

History

Through our Victorians topic, children will develop an awareness of the past using time-related vocabulary and a range of historical sources. They will compare Victorian life with today, focusing on homes, school, jobs and clothing, and will experience a Victorian dress-up day as our classrooms step back in time to the Victorian era.

Art and Design

This term the children will be developing their mark making skills. They will experiment with making marks using different media such as pencil, crayon, biro and felt tip pen. We will be looking at some of the work of LS Lowry and from this will experiment with charcoal to create different effects, and to recreate a Victorian townscape.

Science

Children will develop their knowledge and skills through a unit on materials, learning to identify different materials, distinguish between an object and what it is made from, and use appropriate vocabulary to describe them. Across the year, they will also observe seasonal changes by tracking the life cycle of a tree and a bulb over the four seasons.

Computing

Children will learn to give commands to digital devices and program simple routes for a programmable toy and on-screen Bee-Bot/turtle, predicting what each new instruction will do. In Autumn 2, they will practise logging in safely using their Purple Mash usernames and passwords and regularly revisit our SMART message to build safe and respectful use of technology.

Geography

Children will be introduced to different types of maps and why people use them. We will focus on identifying simple objects from a birds-eye view, and the children will then use practical resources to plot out a map of their own classroom, and that of a Victorian classroom.

Design and Technology

As we learn about the Victorians, our DT lessons will be linked to this topic. Children will explore different materials to design and make their own spoon doll, starting by looking at dolls from the past, then creating a labelled design and bringing it to life in our parent workshop, before completing a simple evaluation of their finished spoon doll.

PE

In P.E this term, children will practise and refine basic movements such as running, jumping, throwing and catching, while developing balance, agility and coordination across a range of activities. They will also take part in team games, learning simple attacking and defending tactics, building teamwork and beginning to take on leadership roles.

Religious Education

During Autumn 1, Year 1 will be discussing what people believe God is like, how they show their love for God and listening to parables from the New Testament. In Autumn 2 we will explore why Christmas matters to Christians and how and why we celebrate special times.