



Year 1 Spring Term

Curriculum Newsletter



English



In English, we will be looking at the adventures of Paddington Bear. We will begin by writing lists using adjectives. We will then be focusing on instructional writing and will be writing instructions on how to make his favourite marmalade sandwich.

After half term, we will be focusing on books written by Julia Donaldson. We will also be looking at rhyming poetry and examining non-fiction books by learning and writing about castles.


Mathematics

In the spring term, we will be continuing to focus on using numbers to 20. We will introduce the concept of partitioning numbers in tens and ones. We will also be looking at measurement of time, height and length.

All this knowledge will be used to solve addition and subtraction questions. We will use number lines and other mathematical resources to help us.

Later we will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and use these skills to work with money.

Science

In science, we will be revisit our first topic of 'Seasons' and we will focus on the weather. We will explore the different types of weather and look at how the weather is measured and described. 

After half term, we will learn about the five senses. We will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which parts of the body are associated with each sense. We will also use our senses to carry out different experiments.



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History



Our history topic is 'Famous Queens'. We will look at the lives of two very significant queens, Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II. We will examine how they contributed to national and international achievements and will begin to compare aspects of life in different periods.

Geography

We will be comparing our own country England with Peru in South America. We will use map skills to locate each country and their capital city. We will then learn about the similarities and differences between them including the key physical and human features.

Computing

This term, we will be focusing on keyboard skills and digital painting and creating art using computer tools. We will be working on saving and retrieving our work each week. After half term we will focus on giving robots instructions to move.

Music

This term the children will learn a song called 'In the Groove' that has been arranged in six different styles; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk.



Religious Education

In RE, we will be focusing on Christianity. We will be thinking about friendship and exploring how easy it was for Jesus to show friendship. We will study stories from the Bible and think about what makes a good friend. We will be learning all about the Easter Story and thinking about how Jesus was welcomed on Palm Sunday.

PSHE

We will be focussing on our health and wellbeing then moving on to learning about safety and the changing body.

Physical Education

In PE this term, we will be focussing on dance and cricket. PE kit should be kept in school throughout the week and every item of kit should be clearly named.

Art

This term we will be studying the work of artists Paul Klee and Henri Matisse who have created pieces using shapes. We will be creating our own work in their styles.



Design & Technology

To link with our topic on castles, we will be designing our own flags. We will then learn sewing skills to re-create our designs on fabric.



Information:

Spellings will be tested on **Thursday**

New reading books will be given out and reading diaries will be checked on **Fridays**

Library books are changed on **Fridays**.