

Spring Term 2024

Parents' Curriculum Information

Phase 1 (Year 1)



English

Our topic for the first half of term is 'Toys' and then 'Incredible Animals' in the second half of term. With our English skills, we will be continuing to apply our phonics knowledge to our writing, learning how to add -ed onto the ends of words to make them past tense and developing our writing across longer and extended pieces of writing. We will continue to reinforce the 'non negotiables' of writing—full stops, capital letters and finger spaces as well as extending the children with other punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. In year 1, we will be focusing on becoming more independent writers using our word and phonic mats to help us. Children will read in a guided and individual session once a week to practice reading, retelling and discussing stories. Please continue reading at home and using the 'change it box' as often as you can.



Maths

We will continue to build on our mathematics learning by practising adding and subtracting—sometimes in our heads and sometimes by drawing our own empty number line. As we consolidate this learning, we will begin to apply these skills to solve problems and recognise which calculation they will need to do to answer them. Over the term, we will also be learning about length and height and weight and volume.

At home you may like to continue to practise some of the basic maths skills like:

- counting within 100 forwards and backwards
- naming one more and one less than a given number
- number bonds to 10 and 20



Science, History and Geography

Our main focus for our 'Toys' topic will be using our history skills to learn about how life was different for other people. We will be learning about old toys and how they differ from toys today. During our topic 'Incredible Animals', we will be learning about how animals can be grouped in different ways (mammals, birds, insects etc) and also looking at what they eat (carnivore, omnivore, herbivore). In our science learning, we will be exploring different materials. We will be looking at what things are made of and why they might be made of that material. In Geography, we will be using geographical vocabulary to discuss human and physical features in our local area.



Computing and Online Safety

During our computing learning this term, we will focus on online safety and how to play safely with electronic toys that allow us to go online. We think about what information we should give to others when online and how we can check we are keeping ourselves safe. We will also continue our learning using beebots and learning how to program them to make them travel around on different routes.



PSHE and RE

In our PSHE learning, we will be looking at the themes 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy me'. We will be looking at how we can succeed in a new challenge or goal, and discuss how this might make us feel. We will also be learning about how we can stay healthy and recognise how being healthy helps us to feel happy. In RE, we will be learning some well known stories from the bible and learn about the Easter story in Christianity. We will also be learning about how Hindu's celebrate the festival of Holi.



Physical Education

In indoor PE, we will be developing our gymnastics skills in the first half term. In this unit pupils learn to use space safely and effectively. They explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using low apparatus. Basic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling are used individually and in combination to create movement phrases. In the second half term we will be doing yoga. Pupils learn about mindfulness and awareness. They begin to learn poses and techniques that will help them connect their mind and body. The unit looks to improve wellbeing by building strength, flexibility and balance.

In outdoor PE in the first half term we will be doing a unit on ball skills. In this unit, pupils will explore their fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling, hitting a target, dribbling with both hands and feet and kicking a ball. In the second half term we will be playing target games. In this unit pupils will develop their aim using both underarm and overarm actions. Pupils will be given opportunities to select and apply the appropriate action for the target considering the size and distance of the challenge.



Art, Music and Design and Technology

In art we will be creating 3D structures and shapes using familiar materials, children develop skills in manipulating paper and card. They fold, roll and scrunch materials to make their own sculptures.

In music we will be exploring pitch, tempo, pulse and rhythm.

In DT we will be making vehicles using wheels and axis. The children will learn the function of an axle and how they are used to make things move. The children will make a prototype to explore how axles work and then use this to help them design and make their own car.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mrs Bailey or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful spring term!

Be the best that you can be!