

Curriculum Newsletter

CLASS / YEAR GROUP: Year 1

TERM / HALF TERM: Autumn 1

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

A short, parent-friendly overview of the knowledge, skills and experiences children will develop.

Reading

What we are learning this half term...

We will continue to support the children on their reading journey by developing their fluency and understanding of texts. Using the Read Write Inc. programme, children will further strengthen their phonics skills, improve reading accuracy and expression, and deepen their comprehension through a range of engaging reading activities.

Writing

What we are learning this half term...

We will begin the year by consolidating the children's core writing skills, ensuring they have a strong foundation for success. Following this, pupils will apply their learning by writing a non-chronological report inspired by their science lessons where they are learning about plants.

Maths

What we are learning this half term...

In Maths, children will develop their understanding of place value, building confidence in recognising, comparing and ordering numbers. They will use this knowledge to support their learning in addition and subtraction, including solving a range of practical problems. We will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, helping children to identify, describe and compare them.

Science

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, our science learning will focus on plants. Children will explore the natural world around them and begin to understand what it means for something to be living. They will learn about the characteristics of living things and identify a variety of common wild and garden plants.

Computing / DT / MFL:

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, children will be introduced to **Spanish** through fun and interactive activities. They will learn a range of simple greetings and begin to describe themselves using basic Spanish vocabulary, helping them to develop confidence in speaking and listening to a new language.

Geography

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, our Geography topic is all about our local area. Children will learn about the area surrounding our school, using maps and fieldwork activities to explore and identify key physical and human features. They will develop their geographical skills by locating familiar places and learning more about the community in which they live.

Art & Design

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, our Art unit is called 'I Am an Artist'. Children will explore a range of techniques for creating patterns and will learn to distinguish between realistic and abstract artwork. Through practical activities, they will experiment with different ideas and develop their creativity and artistic skills.

Music

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, our music unit is called 'My favourite things: keeping the pulse'. In this unit, pupils will learn how to keep a steady pulse. They will take part in music and movement activities inspired by their favourite things.

RE / Religion & Worldviews

What we are learning this half term...

In RE, children will take on the role of theologians as they explore what it means to belong to a faith community. They will learn about the ways in which people show their commitment and sense of belonging within both Christianity and Judaism.

PE

What we are learning this half term...

In PE, pupils will take part in a variety of activities designed to improve their overall fitness. They will begin to develop key physical skills, including agility, balance, coordination, speed and stamina, through engaging and active lessons.

PSHE

What we are learning this half term...

This half term, children will learn about emotions and wellbeing through our 'My Healthy Self' unit. They will explore different feelings, learn strategies for managing difficult emotions, and understand the importance of rest, relaxation and enjoyable activities. Children will also identify trusted adults who can support them when they need help.

HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

Homework will be sent home each **Friday**. We greatly value the support of parents and carers in encouraging children to complete their work and take pride in their learning.

As part of our Maths curriculum, children will be developing their understanding of times tables and number bonds. Regular practice at home can help to build confidence and fluency, so we encourage families to spend a few minutes each day supporting their child's learning through games, practical activities and everyday conversations about maths.

We also have lots of exciting events to look forward to this half term, including **Dolly Fest on 15th October** and **Pumpkin Fest on 21st October**. We can't wait to share these special experiences with the children!