

English

Class novel:

This half term we will be reading and array of picture books with the children. Some which they might be familiar with and some new to the children.

Key texts:

This half term we will be concentrating on the book 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah'.

Key Skills

- Continuing with our key targets of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Spelling tricky common exception words independently
- Applying the phonic spelling rules previously taught
- Continuing written rhyming strings
- Writing an explanation text
- Continuing to spell the days of the week independently
- Writing captions to match illustrations

Science

Animals including humans

We will continue to learn about human and animal bodies and consider similarities and differences between them.

Key Skills

Working scientifically

- To gather and record data to help in answering questions in the context of collecting information to solve a puzzle

Key objectives

- Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals.

Seasons (Autumn and Winter)

We will begin by making simple observations of the world around us in autumn using our senses to describe what we find out.

Our Curriculum

Me and My School!

Autumn Term 2: Year 1



Maths

Addition and Subtraction within 10/Geometry

We will continue to use White Rose Maths to support our maths teaching in year 1. The children will focus on adding and subtracting within 10. We will continue to use the part-whole model to support our understanding. Number bonds to 10 will become part of our daily mental maths routine as well as counting on and back in 1s and 2s from any starting point within 10.

Towards the end of the term, we will move on to simple geometry where we will identify, name and draw a range of 2d and 3s shapes as well as describing the properties of these.

As well as completing weekly Maths homework please support your child by helping them to quickly recall the days of the week, months of the year and time to the nearest hour. Thank you for supporting your child!

How you can help!

- Reading books and homework books to be brought to school on a Monday and they will be returned to parents on Wednesday with new books and weekly maths homework
- Read daily at home with your child and record what you have read in your yellow running record books.
- ebooks available www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- Keep up to date via parentmail, school website and Facebook
- Practice the year 1 common exception words (the words we are focussing on will be in homework books)

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RE

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

This half term our RE work will again focus on Christianity. We begin by looking for signs of Christmas and how Christians prepare for the birth of Jesus. We will recount the story by creating story dioramas. We finally focus on advent with the creation of an advent wreath and whole class calendar. All the while discussing the question above: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Key Skills

- To give clear, simple accounts of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important to Christians
- To recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels.

Geography

Welcome to Our School

The children will find out about the world starting with their immediate environment and building on the firm foundations of EYFS work. The children will explore the school environment using first hand observations and experience to enhance their awareness along with essential map skills and fieldwork.

Key Skills

- To know about the layout of our school grounds
- To recognise N/E/S/W on a compass
- To understand some simple symbols on a map and what they represent
- To use simple mapping skills
- To use language related to position and direction

It would be extremely helpful if children knew their home address. Safety discussions about when to share their address will form part of our discussion.

PSHE

Who is special to us?

We will begin by thinking about the different groups we belong to, thinking about our families, friendship groups and any clubs we may belong to. We will begin to think about similarities and differences between different family groups. We will also discuss ways in which we take care of ourselves and our relationships with families including who we can talk to in our families if we are feeling unhappy.

Alongside our PSHE curriculum objectives, we will discuss the ways in which we stay safe during the darker period, including bonfire night and road safety work. Anti-bullying forms a large part of our Autumn 2 PSHE work through our work in anti-bullying week.

Art and Design

Key artist: Kandinsky

Kandinsky's 'Square with concentric circles' will form the basis of our art curriculum. We will explore colour mixing and learn the difference between primary and secondary colours. We will use our colour mixing skills to create a class version. We will then decorate photo frames made as part of our design technology project using the idea of concentric circles to create a quilling effect.

Key Skills

- To identify and name primary and secondary colours
- To mix primary colours to make secondary colours
- To experiment with different tints, shades and tones
- To develop mark making and brush skills to ensure consistency when painting

Computing

The children will be continuing to learn how to sign into the computer and log off. They will be learning how to control the mouse, use the tracker pad and the keyboard too.

The children will also have access to the iPads within the classroom. They will be used to support learning across a range of subjects.

School360 and Purple Mash continues to be used in school. Your child can use these at home, their log ins are at the front of their orange homework books.

P.E.

Year 1 have PE on a Tuesday and Forest School on a Wednesday. They will come into school that day either wearing the PE or Forest School clothes. They will not need to bring their school uniform in that day. We will be outside whatever the weather so please ensure they are wearing **suitable for outdoor sessions**. No jewellery must be worn on PE days.

Tuesday's session will be delivered by Mr Thompson. Our focus will be winter invasion games, the children will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

Wednesday's session will be taught by Mrs Hutchinson. This half term we will be immersing ourselves in the outdoors as we enjoy Forest School.

Music

We continue to use the charanga scheme in class and will complete our first unit entitled 'Hey You!' where we are learning to use a xylophone to explore pulse and rhythm.

We will continue to critique the song of the week talking about what we like and dislike, showing respect when other people have a different opinion. We will continue to identify the different parts of compositions using specific vocabulary such as instrumental solo, verse and chorus.

As we head towards Christmas we will be learning to sing some traditional carols.