

Literacy

This term, children will explore a range of exciting texts and writing opportunities. In Reception, we will be focusing on seasonal change by exploring signs of autumn, reading and performing bonfire poems, and writing letters to Santa. Year 1 will build on this with a focus on poetry and non-fiction. They will be reading and writing poems linked to Bonfire Night, creating biographies inspired by *Bold Black Women in History*, and writing thoughtful letters to Santa to practise sentence structure and punctuation.



Computing

In computing this term, we will be continuing to use the computers to assist with our research for our topics. We are also using purple mash, TT Rockstars, phonics play and topmarks.

Science

In Science, children will be learning about different habitats and the animals and plants that live in them. They will explore how living things depend on their environment to survive, and how habitats provide food, shelter and space. From woodlands to oceans, the children will investigate a range of habitats and begin to understand how living things are suited to where they live.



Maths

EYFS will be learning:

- Matching, sorting, and comparing
- Patterns
- 1,2,3,4,5
- Circles and triangles
- Shapes with 4 sides

Following the WhiteRose scheme of maths:

KS1 will be learning:

- Place value (within 10)
- Addition and subtraction (within 10)
- Shape



Art/DT

This term in Art and DT, children will be exploring still life. They will be working with clay to create simple objects, focusing on shape, texture and form. Once their clay models are complete, the children will practise observational drawing by sketching their creations using pencil, adding detail and shading.



Music

Our focus this term is pulse and rhythm as well as singing. We will be utilising our singing skills in our nativity.



Phonics

Reception, we will begin with developing children's early phonological awareness. This includes listening skills, identifying environmental and instrumental sounds, exploring rhyme and rhythm, and playing with alliteration. As the term progresses, we will begin introducing initial letter sounds, helping children to recognise and say the sounds that letters make, laying the foundations for reading and writing.

Year 1 will continue progressing through the phases and are using their phonetic knowledge to support their reading and writing. Additionally, they are working on sight reading tricky words.



History & Geography

Geography - This term, children will be learning about the world around them. They will use maps, globes and atlases to locate the United Kingdom, other countries, continents and oceans. They'll learn about compass directions, climate zones (hot, cold and temperate), and discover how the equator affects temperature. We'll also explore how to care for our planet and talk about ways to protect the environment.



History - In History, children will be finding out about significant people from the past who made a real difference in the world. They'll explore the lives of explorers like Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, as well as activists such as Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks. The children will learn what these people achieved, why they are remembered, and how their actions helped shape the world we live in today.

PE

The children are continuing with weekly sports lessons, led by specialists.

Other points to note:

The children have weekly P.E. sessions.
The children have reading books to read at home and school.



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