

P.E. and Games

This term the children will be doing games. We will be continuing to practise basic skills such as running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. The children will learn how to apply these skills in a variety of games.

After half term the children will perform dances using simple movement patterns. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that all kit and uniform needs to be clearly labelled. It would also help us if your child has their hair tied back on these days and ear-rings are removed.



SEAL

This half term we will be thinking about how we feel when we are proud and how to make other people feel proud. We will learn how it feels when we are worried and what we can do about it. We will also learn about how to keep safe. Next half term we will talk what we are good at and what we would like to get better at. We will also be thinking about what makes a good learner and setting goals and targets to help us become good learners.



Art

The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of techniques to create drawings, paintings and sculptures and to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. They will be encouraged to look carefully at shape and colour this term. They will have an initial focus on colour mixing and general artistic skills.



D.T.

As part of Design and Technology this term the children will be challenged to explore and use mechanisms, for example levers, sliders, wheels and axles, in their products. They will review and answer questions about their finished products. The children will have the opportunity to prepare and try foods from different countries and to think about the importance of hygiene and safety when preparing and cooking food.

Music

We will continue to build banks of songs related to our topics. The children will be learning to keep a steady beat; clap to word rhythms and use simple tuned and percussion instruments in time with the music. They will listen with concentration and understanding to a range of recorded music.

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Our topics this term are 'Let's Play' and 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We will be learning about how toys and games have changed over time and about toys from around the world. The children will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals and describe and compare the structure of them.

Ways you can help your child in Year 1:

- Continue to listen to them read every day.
- Practise their sounds and key words with them.
- Practise spellings with them.
- Encourage them to count and recognise numbers in everyday situations.
- Talk about different animals.
- Look at the toys different members of your family played with when they were young.
- Keep an eye out for signs of new life, for example blossom, lambs, chicks or new shoots.
- Do some gardening and talk about the parts of a plant and what they need to grow.



English

We will continue to start each day with 'Guided Reading'. Every child's reading will be heard each week either in their guided reading group where they are listened to by their teacher or independently by their teacher, teaching assistant or a parent volunteer. We continue to follow the scheme of work relating to Letters and Sounds which encourages the children to use their knowledge of sounds to blend and segment words in their reading and writing. The children have settled into the routine of having a daily English lesson and are enjoying the range of challenges and opportunities they are having to support their reading and writing. This term we will initially be focusing on writing simple sentences and using 'and' as a joining word in sentences. We will be learning how to punctuate our sentences correctly. We will also be continuing to use story-telling to develop our independent writing. There will be a big focus on phonics and spelling common words correctly.

Role play

During the first half term the children will be using their imaginations to help create a toy workshop. They will learn to use new vocabulary and think of how to present toys in a class museum.

The role play area will become a pet shop/ crazy creatures research centre for our Spring Time topic. If you have any magnifying glasses, bug hunting kits etc. we would be very grateful if we could borrow them after half term.



Science

The children will be encouraged to generate their own questions and plan their own investigations to answer them. They will also begin to record their results in tables and make a conclusive comment about their investigation.

The children will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will learn to describe and compare the structure of different groups of animals and learn about herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.



History

The children will learn to recognise the differences between toys that were used in the past and present and reasons for how toys have changed. They will use artefacts, photographs and ICT resources to answer questions about the past.

Mathematics

In our mathematics sessions we will continue to improve your child's counting and number recognition skills, including counting to and across 50, forwards and backwards beginning from any given number. We will be counting in twos from 0. We will be reading, ordering and writing numbers to 20 in numerals and **words**. We will be interpreting mathematical statements involving addition, subtraction and equals signs in practical situations and learning a variety of methods to solve simple problems, including using a number line or hundred square to add and subtract. The children will be encouraged to record their work using both formal and informal written methods. We will continue to focus on learning pairs of numbers that make numbers up to ten such as $9 + 1$ and will also be finding 1 more or less than any given number. We will also be finding doubles and halves, understand division as sharing and grouping and begin early multiplication by using arrays, repeated addition and number patterns of twos, fives and tens.

We will be learning the names of and describing common 2D and 3D shapes using their properties. The children will be learning about mass and capacity this term through practical investigation  linked to our topic focus. In our snack maths time the children will be continuing their learning about coins and notes and working out  how to pay for things and find totals. The children will learn to read o'clock and half past times.

To keep you informed about what your child is learning about each week in school we will be displaying maths posters in the classroom windows. Please help us to support your child's learning at home as the New Primary Curriculum has very high expectations!

ICT

This half term the children will be learning about how to keep safe on computers and keep their personal information private. They will learn to program Bee Bots and make predictions about how the robot will behave. The children will continue to use the computers to support their work in other curriculum areas.



R.E.

In our class assemblies the children will explore the themes of happiness, making and breaking friends and being stronger together. We will learn the stories of 'The Lost Sheep', 'The Lost Son' and 'The Good Samaritan'. During the term is 'Healthy Lives, Happy Hearts' week and we will look at Stranger Danger. After half term we will be learning and talking about the Easter story.

