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Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024

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This Term...

Year 1 Curriculum

Geography – Bright Lights, Big City

In Geography, the children will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, including their location, capital cities and some of their physical and human features. They will do map work, using compasses and positional and directional language to plan routes around London. They will research the cause and impact of the Great Fire of London and look at some famous London landmarks. They will learn about other capital cities around the world, including Kuala Lumpur, and compare how they are similar and different to London.

Science – Seasonal changes

In Science, children will learn about the four seasons. They will look at the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, learn about how the seasons affect animals and make comparisons between them. They will find out what the weather is, what types of weather there are and what causes the weather. They will learn about what the weather is like in each season and discover why the lengths of daytime and nighttime change in different seasons. They will observe and measure the wind, learn how to read the temperature and measure rainfall.

Art – Funny faces and fabulous features

In Art, the children will learn about portraits, looking at samples from different artists and genres. They will be introduced to collage and digital software that creates funny faces and imaginative portraits. They will explore facial features, expressions and textural materials

Year 2 Curriculum

Geography – Coastline

In Geography, children will use maps to learn about the location of the world's seas and oceans, keys to learn about map symbols and directions on a compass. They will learn about the human and physical features of a coastline, including the effects of erosion and how to stay safe when visiting the coast. They will learn about the work of the RNLI, what happened to the SS Rohilla and about the coastal town of Whitby, including how Captain Cook is linked to the town.

Science – Use of materials

In Science, children will learn the names and uses of everyday materials. They will learn that the properties of materials mean they can be used in different ways and that objects are made from materials that have suitable properties for their purpose. They will find that objects can be made from one material or more than one material and that the same object can be made from different materials with similar properties. They will learn about paper and test the properties of different paper types.

DT – Beach Hut

In DT, children will learn about making and strengthening structures, including different ways of joining materials. The children will make a model beach hut, using a basic 3-D wooden box frame.

Thought of the term...



Be thoughtful and fair

Wisdom and justice

InMAT value: Involvement

How I can help my child at home

Maths

In Term 3, Year 1 will learn about addition and subtraction within 20.

Year 2 will learn about multiplication and division and length and height.

Activities which support this:

Counting up to 100, recalling 2 numbers that add up to 20, adding numbers together, measuring household items using a ruler.

English

Year 1 will be a story based on another culture and explanation of a travel journey.

Year 2 will write a persuasive letter and learn how to write a humorous poem.

Activities which support this:

Writing simple sentences with capital letters and full stops, learning common exception word spellings.

Dates for the diary

8th January - School re-opens for Term 3

16th January – Year 1 walk to Delapre Abbey

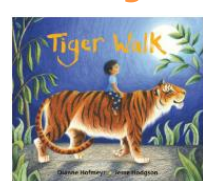
16th February – End of Term 3

5th and 7th March – Parents' Evening.

Homework

Year 1 and 2 homework is sent out on a Thursday. Please return completed homework by the following Tuesday. Please read with your child at least 3 times per week and note this in their reading record. Teachers check children's reading records weekly. 😊

Reading Recommendations – Year 1



Reading Recommendations – Year 2

