



Gusford Primary School Curriculum Information

Year 1

Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Confidence

Responsibility

English

In English, the children will follow two exciting units of work. First, they will explore *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield. Through this story, children will be introduced to the structure of a travel diary, which will support them in writing narrative descriptions of real or imagined experiences using time connectives to sequence events clearly.

Next, the children will enjoy *The Tales of Beatrix Potter*, where they will delve into classic storytelling and learn about traditional story structures and character development. To finish the term, pupils will explore *100 Best Poems for Children*, focusing on rhyme and rhythm, and will be encouraged to perform and even write their own poems. These rich texts are chosen to help develop sentence-level confidence, introduce writing lenses such as action, feeling, and description, and to nurture a lifelong love of reading and writing.

Alongside this, the children will continue to strengthen their early reading skills through daily phonics sessions. Children taking part in phonics will read their reading book daily in school and take it home to share and celebrate their growing confidence as readers with you.

Maths

In maths we will children will be learning about fractions, geometry and place value within 100. The children will learn how to recognise and find a half and a quarter, learn to describe the position of shapes and explore numbers larger than 50.

Later in the term the children will develop their understanding of money and time. They explore different coins and notes, learn their values, and practise counting using coins. Later in the term, they focus on telling the time to the hour and half past, sequencing events in the day, and learning the days of the week and months of the year. These topics are taught through practical, hands-on activities that help children apply their learning to real-life situations.

Science

In science we will be learning about human biology.

Year 1 will identify and name parts of the human body such as the head, arms, legs, eyes, ears, nose, and mouth. Pupils also explore the five senses—sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell—and link each sense to the correct body part. Through simple investigations and hands-on activities, they begin to understand how their bodies work and how to stay healthy, including the importance of exercise, a balanced diet, and good hygiene. This foundation sets the stage for deeper learning in later years.

What can you do at home?

- *Read your child's sharing book to them!
- * Make your own smoothies!

What can you do out and about?

- Visit a library and find books to enjoy together!
- When out talk about the different types of weather you are seeing.

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the wider world. In this unit the children will be developing their locational knowledge and their understanding of the world by learning about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans.

The children will also explore the concept of direction, learn about the north and south pole and find out about the different transport methods.

DT

In DT we will be following a unit on cooking and nutrition.

In this unit the children will develop their understanding of fruits and vegetables by exploring their characteristics, where they grow and how to identify them.

The children will then use this knowledge to create their own smoothies!

RE

In RE we will be continuing our learning on Judaism. We will follow a unit of work called 'Prayer and Worship.'

PSHE

In PSHE the children will complete a unit of work called 'safety and the changing body.'

They will explore subjects such as adults in school, adults outside of school, getting lost, making an emergency phone call, appropriate contact, safety with substances, safety at home and people who can help keep us safe.

Spanish

In Spanish the children will be listening to and learning a variety of Spanish songs. This half term we will be looking at:

* **Seasons (Las Estaciones)**

Computing

In computing the children will be following a unit on data handling called 'Introduction to data.'

In this unit the children will learn to show data in different ways, use technology to represent data, collect and record data, sort data into a branching database and design an invention to gather data.

Music

In music the children will follow a unit of work called 'come dance with me.'

In this unit children will learn to find the beat, sing a song confidently, sing in call and response and invent new song lyrics.

PE

In PE the children will continue to work each week with ITFC coaches and will develop their athletic skills.

In the children's second PE session they we will be practicing their skills ready for sports day!