

Our Learning – KS1 Autumn 2

A simple guide to what your child will learn this half term and ways you can help at home

OUR BIG QUESTION

What makes our school, street and village special?

English & Maths

English

Reading: This half term, in English, children will be exploring blackout poetry, learning how to select interesting and meaningful words from a piece of writing to create their own poems. They will then apply this technique to a Remembrance Day themed poem. Children will then enjoy exploring the book, 'Lost and Found', which sees them explore characters and settings, discuss new vocabulary, retell events and answer questions about what they read. They will also explore information texts and letters and learn how their features support their purpose.



Writing, grammar & punctuation: Children will write descriptive sentences and short fiction inspired by Lost and Found, information texts about themselves, and letters to Santa. They will practise clear sentences, capital letters, full stops, noun phrases, conjunctions and editing.

Phonics: Year 1 will practise reading and spelling ay, oy, ie, ea, a_e, i_e, o_e, u_e, e_e and ou words, alongside phonics screening practice and Level 5 revision.



Spelling: Year 2 will use Grammarsaurus to explore spelling patterns, word building and important words for their year group.

Maths

Addition and subtraction:

- split wholes into parts and recall bonds to 10 and 20;
- add and subtract using objects, pictures and number sentences;
- recognise doubles and solve simple problems.
- add three 1-digit numbers
- addition – add together
- addition – add more
- find the difference
- solve missing number problems

Place value (within 100):

- count groups of tens and ones
- partition into tens and ones
- use a place value chart
- compare any two numbers and order objects and numbers

Our Topic



Geography

Children will explore Hanslope and the local area. They will identify human and physical features, use maps and keys, follow routes, compare places and learn how people use local services. They will create a simple map of the school, street or village.



Science

Children will investigate everyday indoor materials. They will identify what objects are made from, describe and compare material properties, group materials and explain why materials are suitable for different objects.

How you can help at home

Talk about our topic

Talk about Hanslope and places nearby. Spot human features (houses, shops, roads) and physical features (trees, rivers). Try following a route or using a simple map. At home, ask what everyday objects are made from, how materials feel and why they are suitable.

Read every day

If possible, read together daily. Re-reading familiar books builds fluency. Talk about new words, ask questions and encourage your child to retell the main events.

Optional maths practice at home

Have fun exploring maths in everyday life! When shopping, ask your child to count items, recognise coins or compare prices. Look for numbers on houses, clocks and car number plates and practise finding on more or one less. use toys, buttons or building blocks to make numbers and explore tens and ones. Play dice and domino games to practise adding, subtracting, number bonds and doubles. You could also count in 2s, 5s and 10s, order numbers or a use homemade number line to jump forwards and backwards. Encourage your child to explain how they worked out their answers. Little and often is best!

Other Subjects



DT

Children will investigate vehicles, wheels and axles, then design and make a moving vehicle. They will test it, make improvements and evaluate their finished product.

Music

Children will learn and rehearse Christmas songs, sing in tune and clearly, keep a steady beat, listen to others and perform as a group.





PE

Children will develop their balance, body control and coordination through gymnastics and games. They will link rolls, jumps, shapes and travelling movements, then practise attacking and defending, sending and receiving balls or beanbags, and working with a partner.

RE- Beliefs and Values

Children will explore Christian beliefs about creation, Abraham, Moses, the Bible, the Trinity and Jesus. They will ask respectful questions and recognise that people may hold different beliefs.

PSHE - Communities

Children will explore what makes them unique, how they are similar to others, fairness and respect. They will learn how adults and school rules help everyone stay safe.