Year 1



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English In phonics, we use the Read Write Inc Scheme. Children will be learning sounds in the RWI order. They will practise these in their reading and writing. Each week we will have a different grammar focus but will be particularly working on capital letters and full stops and adjectives. We will also be looking at the book 'If I had an Octopus' by Gabby Dawnay.	Maths In maths this term, we will be using our knowledge of multiples to start to divide using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will learn how to double and halve using the 2 times table. We will also look at finding fractions of a shape and a number including ½ and ¾.	Science This half term we will be learning more about the different animal groups and how to group them based on key characteristics. Year 1 will also enjoy an experiment that will help them further explore the differences between herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.
Geography In geography, children will use globes and atlases to explore the seven continents. We will look at each continent in turn, identifying physical and human geographical features. We will compare and contrast different locations around the world with their locality and with landscapes they are familiar with. Throughout this unit, we will be forming an understanding that the world is a diverse place, and continents can hold many different landscapes.	Art In art this half term we will be looking at paintings of children. We will explore how art, and in particular paintings by Hogarth, Cassatt and Bruegel the Elder, give us information about the past. The Graham Children by Hogarth provides a focus for the whole unit. We will copy small sections of the painting and plan where lines and colours should go, colour-matching and using watercolours with different sized brushes.	Physical Education (PE) This half term we will be practising for our sports day. We will be practising our skipping, javelin, running, throwing and balancing skills. We will also develop our teamwork skills. Year 1 will also be looking at being creative by observing and copying others, exploring and describing different movements and selecting movements together to fit a theme.
Computing This half term we will be focusing on digital writing. We will develop our understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and manipulate text. Children will become more familiar with using a keyboard and mouse to enter and remove text. We will also consider how to change the look of our text and will be able to justify the reason behind making these changes.	Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) In PSHE this half term, we will be exploring the theme of relationships. Throughout this unit, year 1 will be identifying, discussing and celebrating kindness and what it means to be a good friend.	Music This term we will be singing a selection of songs from memory, singing collectively and at the same pitch and responding to simple visual directions (e.g. stop, start, loud, quiet). We will improvise simple vocal chants using question and answer phrases and create musical sound effects and short sequences of sounds in response to stimuli, e.g. rainstorm, train journey. We will use percussion instruments including rainmaker, glockenspiel, triangle or sound-makers including rustling leaves.
Religious Education (RE) In R.E this half term, we will be exploring more about what it might mean to be part of the Jewish community. Specifically, we will learn about the Jewish holy text, place of worship and festivals. This new understanding will then be used to draw comparisons and contrasts with the other Abrahamic faiths we have looked at this year.	 Ideas for home to support All lessons will be posted on Seesaw, feel free to complete the tasks on Seesaw. Read at home every day. BBC Karate Cat Maths and Karate Cas English (grammar games, worded problems) Teacher Monster How to Read (app) Numberblocks and Alphablocks (kids YouTube) 	