

English

Our story for this term will be 'The Secret Sky Garden'. We will use this delightful story to appreciate the need and benefit of maintaining and improving our environment.

We will be focussing on developing our sentence writing skills, consistently using full stops and capital letters.

We will continue to develop our phonics skills through Little Wandle which includes whole class phonic sessions, small group work and guided reading sessions.

We will also be focusing on developing our handwriting skills and improving our gross and fine motor skills using regular movement and routines. We will be using Letter Join to practise our handwriting daily, focussing on the printed form.

Reading

Please continue to share the love of books with your child. Their Little Wandle book should be read 5 times per week to improve their fluency and recognition of words. We encourage the children to read and re-read books that contain sounds that they know.

To develop a love of books, children will also bring home a book chosen from our 'Willow Classroom Library'. Our book changing day will be every **Thursday**.

Please ensure reading records and books are brought to school on this day.

Homework

Every **Friday** the children will be set one piece of homework linked to their History or Science Knowledge Organisers along with spellings linked to their phonics. This should be returned by the following **Thursday**. Some creative homework will occasionally be included. Please send any out of school achievements or extra learning done over Class Dojo, we love to celebrate these!

Curriculum - History

This half term, our History focus enquiry question will be,

'How has transport changed over time?'

We shall learn about the different types of transport past and present and find out about events from history by creating transport timelines. We will also discover some important people who have shaped how we travel.

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P.E.

Year 1 will have PE every **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure that children bring a full outdoor and indoor PE kit. As often as weather allows, PE will be outside.

Children will be expected to come to school in their normal school uniform and will get changed for PE after lunch. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed where possible otherwise please provide plasters. Please remember to label all the children's uniform, this really helps us to identify mislaid items.

Maths

In maths this term we will continue to consolidate our understanding of place value, especially understanding numbers up to 20, and begin to develop our problem-solving skills. We will be sorting objects in various ways and learning how to share our reasons for doing so with our peers. Encouraging your child to have a go at this practically and explain their thinking and reasoning will develop their confidence and be hugely beneficial within their Maths lessons.

We will also work on addition and subtraction.

Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Everyday Materials'. We will learn about different materials and how we can sort and categorise them. We will observe their properties and investigate their suitability to design a moving vehicle.

Wider Curriculum

Computing - Digital Literacy including E-Safety

PHSE - Being me in my world.

Music - 'Hey You!' learn the song, whilst learning about and finding the pulse and the rhythm.

PE - Body management.

DT - Mechanisms and Design a moving vehicle.