

English

Our text at the start of 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 focus on consolidating our sentence writing skills with the consistent use of 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 in Year 1. Handwriting will be a real focus for us this term and we will develop our gross and fine motor skills using regular movement and routines. We will be using Letter Join for daily practise of our printed handwriting.

Reading

Please continue to share the love of books with your child. Reading has such a positive impact on our children's writing and spelling. Their Little Wandle e-book should be read 5 times per week to improve their fluency and recognition of words. Please write these reads into their reading record and bring it to school every Friday for reads to be counted: certificates will be given accordingly.

We encourage the children to read and re-read books that contain sounds that they know.

To develop a love of books, please continue to share, revisit and reread favourite stories to your child.

Homework

Every Wednesday, the children will be set one piece of homework linked to Phonics, Maths or History. This should be returned by the following Wednesday. 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.

Maths

In Year 1 this term, we will consolidate our understanding of place value, particularly regarding numbers up to 10. We will also begin to develop our problem-solving skills by 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 understanding the processes of addition and subtraction and apply this in calculations. We will also use Letter-Join to ensure that we form all numerals correctly.



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Science

This half term, Year 1 will learn 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.

P.E.

Year 1 will have PE every THURSDAY. 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 in school. 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.

Wider Curriculum

Computing – Digital Literacy including E-Safety and camera/photo APP

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 and Object control.

DT – Mechanisms: design a moving vehicle.