



Year 1 Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 1 2022

Below is an outline of some of the exciting things your children will be learning this half term in Year 1. Please continue to listen to your child read daily and sign their reading record so we can see they have read.

English

This half term, our English focus will be looking at Stories by the Same Author, focusing our reading and writing around the author Oliver Jeffers. We will be continuing with capital letters and full stops and re-reading our work to check it makes sense. We will then be looking at Non-Chronological Reports and use our science knowledge to write facts about the animals we will be learning about. Our final writing opportunity will be on Poems on a Theme. This will be linked into our science topic about animals, and we will write our first poem. We will continue to develop our writing skills and begin to learn poems which we can recite out loud to others.



Maths

In Maths, we will start the term looking at place value to 20, exploring 1 more and 1 less to 20 and where each number fits on the number line. We will also be learning how many tens and ones are in a 2-digit number. We will be writing numbers in digits and words and will be looking at key mathematical vocabulary related to place value. After looking at place value we will be working out addition and subtraction number sentences, number bonds, part whole method, tens frame and solving addition and subtraction word problems.



Art



In Art this half term we will be learning how to sketch and draw animals related to our topic 'Parrots, Penguins and Peacocks'. We will be thinking about drawing animals from hot and cold climates and then using our sketches to create clay models of our animal drawings. We will also think about how to shade and add colour in different ways to our drawings.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will find out and describe how animals look different to one another and look at whether they are carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores. We are going to be working scientifically to compare animals to describe how to identify them and group them according to what they eat.

Geography



During Geography this half term, we will be naming and locating the seven continents and five oceans. We will also be identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. Finally, we will be locating hot and cold areas in the world and looking at climate, landscape and the plant and animals that live there.

Music

This half term we will be looking at six different styles of music: Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. We will learn each song and then perform them using actions. We will be learning about the pitch of different songs and how we can add musical instruments to enhance our performance.

RE

In RE, we will be learning what made Jesus special. We will be reading Bible stories about the miracles that Jesus performed, including Jesus stilling the storm and feeding the five thousand. We will also think about what friendship means to us, who our friends are and what a good friend does. We will learn about Jesus's friends, the disciples, and what they did to help Jesus.



PE

In PE we will be focusing on the unit 'Attack, Defend and Shoot'. We will practise basic movements including running, jumping, throwing, and catching, begin to engage in competitive activities by playing team games and focus on improving our agility, balance and co-ordination. We will also be looking at our own fitness with Mrs Howard, focusing on dance and exploring space, direction, levels and speeds. We will create actions and perform movements with different body parts.

Computing



This half term in Computing, we will continue to develop our skills using Purple Mash. We will be logging onto the computers using our own login details. We will be looking at adding captions to pictures and learning how to save our work into our trays and learning how to print. We will be recapping on staying safe on the internet and thinking about who can help us.

PSHE

This half term we will be exploring our growth mindset and what the word 'learning' means. We will think about the people we admire, what we aspire to be and how we can reach our goals. We will be learning not to ever give up and how to have a positive attitude. We will also think about how we can help others to reach their goals and how to challenge ourselves and overcome obstacles that we might face.

