

Curriculum Overview

Year 1
Autumn 1 2023



Some examples of James Rizzi's work that we will be exploring this half term.

Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists** we will be learning all about the human body – from labelling bones and body parts, to talking about our senses of sight, smell, taste, hearing and touch. We will also look at seasonal changes with a focus on autumn.

As **Artists** we will be learning lots about the artist James Rizzi. We will explore his life and his art, focussing on his work 'The City That Never Sleeps'. We will build our skills to create our own piece of art inspired by his work.

As **Historians** we will be thinking of our own personal histories and thinking about changes in living memory. We will think about how our lives are different to children in the past. We will even receive a letter from the past!

LITERACY

In English this half term, we will be focussing on the story of the Gingerbread Man.

We will begin by responding to the story orally and in writing, building our vocabulary up over time. We will learn the story verbally, then sequence it and create a story map. We will finally use what we remember about the story to write an independent retell.

We will also use the Gingerbread Man story to write ingredients lists and recipes, giving instructions on how to make one!

MATHEMATICS

In maths this half term we will be focussing on:

- Sorting and counting objects
- Representing objects
- Recognising numbers as words
- Counting on
- 1 more and 1 less
- Counting backwards within 10
- Comparing groups
- Fewer, more and same amounts
- Less than, greater than, equal to
- Comparing Numbers
- The Number Line

RE

In RE this half term, we will be asking the big question 'Who made the world?' We will look at the Christian creation story and discuss how Christians can say thank you to God for his wonderful creation.

PE

Our topics in PE this half term are:

- Dance (Unit 1)
- Attack, Defend and Shoot (Unit 1)

PSHE

Our topic in PSHE this year is 'Being Me In My World.' The key themes we will explore are:

- Welcoming others
- Making our community a better place
- Caring about others
- Creating a Charter

Music

In Music we follow the Charanga music scheme. This term's song is called 'Hey You', an Old-School Hip Hop style for children to learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.

Computing

In computing this half term, we will be thinking all about Online Safety. We will use Purple Mash in school to help us to understand how and why we should be safe on the internet using a range of tech!

Phonics

This half term in phonics we are going to be recapping all of the phase 2, 3 and 4. We will then begin learning the phase 5 sounds. This is to consolidate what we already know to help us become more fluid readers and build on this with new phonic knowledge!

Our Class Value

Courage

Curriculum Enrichment

This half term we will visit one of our two local churches for our whole-school Harvest service, which Year 6 will kindly put together. It will be a chance for Year 1 to be involved in a celebration in our community.

Weekly Homework

Children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home with their parents, using their reading book and library book. Any reading done at home should be recorded in their reading record.

Homework Project

Think about our history topic – perhaps you could like to explore your own history by talking to a grandparent about their lives. You could make a family tree, create a picture of your family to share in class, or even make a story book of your life up until Year 1!