Curriculum Overview

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Year 1
Autumn 2 2023







Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists** we will be learning all about everyday materials. We will think carefully about the properties of materials and testing them carefully to see if they are strong, stretchy, absorbent or shiny!

As **Design Technologists** we will be thinking about healthy foods that nourish our bodies. We will research, plan, create and evaluate our own fruit salads.

As **Geographers** we be looking at the topic 'Our School' – what does it looks like, how it has changed, and what purpose different areas have. We will go on an expedition to take photos of key areas and create a map of our school.

LITERACY

In English this half term, we will be focussing on two genres. First, we will begin by learning all about letters, understanding the difference between formal and informal styles of writing.

Secondly we will look at recounts, and using time-openers for our sentences to explain all about what we have done before.

We are focusing on using full sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

MATHEMATICS

In maths this half term we will be focussing on:

- Part-whole model
- Writing number sentences
- Fact families
- Number bonds to 10
- Addition
- Finding parts
- Subtraction
- 2D shapes
- 3D shapes

RE

In RE this half term, we will be asking two big questions:

- 1) Why should we look after our world?
- 2) Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

PSHE

Our topic in PSHE this year is 'Celebrating Differences.' The key themes we will explore are:

- Accepting differences and including others
- Knowing how to help
- Trying to solve problems
- Using kind words
- Giving and receiving compliments

DT

In DT this this half term, we will be exploring lots of healthy foods, including how to prepare them. We will discuss wh some foods should be eaten in moderation and design a fruit salad.

PE

Our topics in PE this half term are:

- Rugby Skills with Moseley
 Rugby Club
- Hit Catch Run (Unit 1)

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.

Phonics

This half term in phonics we are going to continue with phase 5 sounds and tricky words. We will also consolidate what we already have learnt in phonics, following our reading day/writing day timetable.

Our Class Value

Courage

Curriculum Enrichment

This half term we will be taking part in lots of lovely things as a whole school; Remembrance Day service, Children in Need, Advent Service, and of course, the Nativity!

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. Children have access to Numbots online, and should be doing this daily for 3-5 minutes.

Homework Project

Think about our Design Technology topic – could you design and make a festive snack that is healthy and also delicious? Create a log of what you have done and why!