

Year 1 - Spring Term Curriculum Information

Please find below the learning focus and skills your child will be taught this term. Your discussions at home will really help your child's learning.

English

Over the course of this term, Year 1 will be aiming to practise and refine their speaking and listening skills through a range of activities. We will be looking at a range of text types, such as; information, stories, poetry, instructions and recounts, all which will be linked to our topics of Explorers and Africa. This will also present great reading opportunities for the children.

As a result of this, we will also be continuing to push deeper and greater phonic knowledge, encouraging the children to apply sounds they know and sounds they will be learning, in their reading and writing.

Numeracy

Children will continue to develop and refine their core Numeracy skills this term including counting and number up to 100. Children will be expected to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will be using new methods for addition and subtraction and learning how to solve basic word problems. Children will also begin learning about time and measurement in more depth. They will also be beginning to learn about fractions of shapes, objects and amounts. We will also begin to look at basic multiplication and division, using appropriate methods.

Science

Year 1 will continue to learn about Seasons throughout Spring, observing weather and plant changes. They will begin to plant and observe a variety of plants of their own and begin to understand how to look after them. Children will also learn about animals and will be looking at grouping animals in terms of their type and what they eat.

Computing

Throughout the Spring term Year 1 will be using their map-work and explorer topic to link to direction work. The children will be programming Bebots as part of their computing topic.

We will also be using recording equipment and sound technology to create our own 'talking books'.

Geography

Maps– This element will be linked throughout the whole term, looking at maps and thinking about the layout of the world.

Africa– This topic will give the children a chance to think about other cultures and how people live. We will be exploring where Africa is, the weather, traditions, foods and lifestyles from across the sea!

History

Explorers!

The children will be discovering and learning all about the adventures of Captain James Cook as part of History. We will be linking this to a theme of travelling, exploring and Pirates! There will be lots of English links where the children will be given opportunities to think about what it would be like to be an explorer and write about their experiences!

Art

Explorers

The children will look at the parts of a ship and create their own craft ships using simple materials.

Africa

Pupils learn about the traditional craft of African weaving. Pupils weave using a range of materials to weave .

Design and Technology

Moving pictures

Year 1 will identify and explore a range of moving mechanisms in pictures. They will use this knowledge to plan, make and evaluate their own moving picture using a range of materials.

PSHCE

Staying Safe

The children will learn to understand who can help them when they feel unsafe and how to feel safe in different situations. We will be focusing on staying safe in situations with; fire, water, roads and sun, along with a range of others.

They will also be able to identify dangers which they may encounter in and out of school or home.

P.E

Games

We will be starting to learn skills which will be needed to play a range of sport games.

Dance

Pupils will be learning about and exploring African dance. They will be learning how to recognise a rhythm and perform to it. Children will also learn, compose, practise, refine and evaluate a selection of dances in the African style

Music

Beat and Pulse

This term Year 1 are lucky enough to have a music teacher coming in to help us explore our new topic. The children will engage in a variety of fun and exciting activities to help the explore different beats and pulses of music. They will be using a range of instruments to explore this theme.

R.E

Christianity-

Across Spring term the main theme of R.E will be Christianity. We will be focusing in on key questions like “Why is Jesus special to Christians?” and “What is the Easter Story?”

We will be exploring these elements of the religion through a range of activities.



Please note that in most cases your child will be covering these topics as part of the creative curriculum. Links will be made across a number of subject areas. Depending on the level your child is working at, some of the objectives, particularly for Literacy and Numeracy may alter.