

Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



This Term...

English

In English this term we will start by reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We will develop our sentence writing skills, create our own characters and plan and write our own stories. After half term we will use the book 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers as our focus. We will continue to focus on our handwriting and using leading lines.

DT or Art

In DT this half term our topic is called 'Pirate Paddy's Packed Lunch Problem'. We will be using materials to make a lunchbox to a given criteria for Pirate Paddy and then testing our lunchboxes to check if they have solved his problem. After half term we will be learning about portraits in Art. We will look at the work of other artists, such as Picasso, Klee and Warhol and have a go at using their methods to draw our own portraits.

Science

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will look at different life cycles and learn about the basic needs of animals. We will also investigate the importance of exercise, good hygiene and a healthy balanced diet for humans. After half term we will be learning about a range of different habitats and the living things that can be found in them.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will start by developing our place value knowledge by partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We will then move on to explore addition and subtraction and learning number facts to solve problems. We will explore the value of different coins and begin to look at multiplication (repeated addition) and division (sharing).

History or Geography

In History our topic is called 'Travel and Transport', where we will be looking at how transport has changed over time. We will learn about George Stephenson and the Wright brothers alongside how planes, trains and cars have developed over time. After half term our Geography topic is called 'What a Wonderful World'. We will learn about continents, oceans and climates and identify physical and human features of the world.

PE

In PE the children will be developing their football skills with the PE coaches. We will practice our control and coordination when kicking a ball and how to move towards the goal successfully. We will also be practicing our throwing and catching skills. We will also develop the skills needed to attack and defend the ball during invasion games such as football and netball.

Thought of the term...



How I can help my child at home

Mathematics

- When out with your child look for numbers in the environment, such as car number plates, house numbers, or in the shops, and ask you child to read the number.
- Practice writing numbers with your child, supporting them to use the correct formation.
- Challenge your child to write numbers in words e.g. fifty four.

English

- When reading with your child discuss the characters in the story and where they are set.
- Ask your child to retell stories encouraging them to use full sentences and explore new vocabulary they might have heard in the book.

Homework

The new topic web based on the topic 'Travel and Transport' will go out next week with a variety of activities for you and your child to enjoy.

The English and Maths activities that children can complete if they want to will also come home next week.

Please continue to hear your child read, ideally every day. Please also practice the times table we are focusing on.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask Miss Muller, Mrs Riddaway, Mrs Healy or Mrs Perry.

Reading Recommendations - Year 1 and 2



A story about resilience and trying new things

A story explaining the life cycle of a caterpillar



Dates to remember

PE will be on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

MacMillan Coffee morning – 27th September Individual school photos – 1st October