

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 1

Our theme for Autumn 1 is:



This half term will be getting used to the Year 1's routines and expectations. We will also be learning about animals and their body parts and senses. Along with finding out about Neil Armstrong and exploring Christianity. We will also be developing our drawing skills focusing on line and shape.

Our theme will last for:

7 weeks.

Phonics

We will continue with phonics throughout this half term. The children will:

- Choose the correct graphemes to spell a word – *say the word, segment the word, write the word.*
- Apply sounds to read – *look at the letters, make the sounds, blend the sounds together.*
- Read and spell high frequency words correctly.



English

Our reading and writing will focus on securing our understanding of the rules of spelling and grammar. The children will:

- Ensure finger spaces, full stops and capital letters are used correctly.
- Understand how to form a sentence that makes sense.
- Begin to use *and* to join sentences and words in a list.
- Learn to read and spell tricky words – have, there, out, like, little, what, some, one, said, come, do, so, were, when, have, there.
- Form a short narrative based on the story *The girl who stole the stars.*
- Create a non-fiction book based on the celebrations; Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and birthdays.

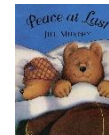
Children will take part in Guided Reading, Book Talk and individual reading sessions to further improve reading skills, specifically focussing on comprehension skills.

Our Book Talk books

Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival



Peace at last by Jill Murphy

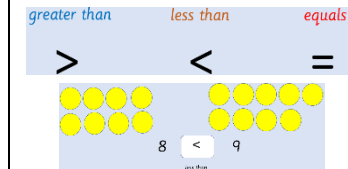


Please ensure your child's reading book and reading record are in their book bag every day.

Mathematics

This half term we will recap basic skills, focus on place value within 10 and addition and subtraction within 10.

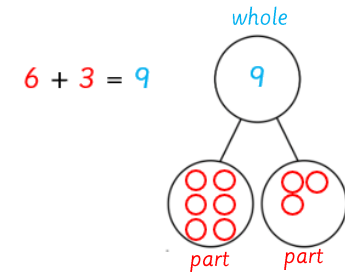
Place value



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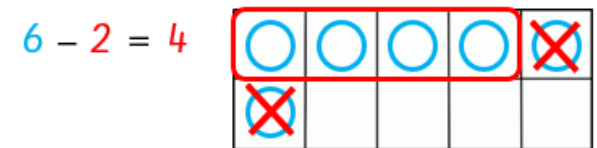
Addition

- Mantra – *a part plus a part equals a whole.*



Subtraction

- Mantra – *a whole subtract a part equals a part.*



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Personal Development

This half term the children will be learning about themselves and their relationships in a unit called 'Beginning and Belonging'. We will learn about:



- Helping the classroom feel a safe place.
- Building relationships.
- Coping with new situations.
- Sources of support.
- Processing the learning – the children will understand what they have learnt in this unit and be able to share it.

R.E.

During our R.E. lessons we will be learning about Christianity. We will be exploring the following questions:

- Who is a Christian and what do they believe?
- How do Christian's worship?
- Why is the bible important to Christian's?

Music

This half term the children will learn about musical vocabulary. The children will be exploring music, movement, chanting and the playing of tuned percussion instruments. They will learn about:

- Pulse and tempo.
- Dynamics and timbre.
- Pitch and rhythm.
- Texture and structure.

Art

We will be learning specific drawing skills focusing on line and shape.

- Be able to draw a range of different lines.
- Know that drawings can be drawn by freehand.
- Know that a line can be straight, curved, wavy, thick, thin, dotted, zig-zag, spiral, dashed, looped, castle.
- Know that lines can be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.
- Know that lines can be thick or thin.
- Know that famous artists use different lines in their work including Van Gogh, Rijnveld and Bridget Riley.



P.E.

We will be learning about Yoga. The children will:

- Be able to move with control and care.
- Be able to copy, remember and repeat a sequence of actions.
- Be able to travel with a ball showing some level of control.
- Be able to describe how our body feels before, during and after activity.



History

We will be learning about Neil Armstrong.

- Name the significant event
- Know key dates.
- Know about key events that changed history.
- Know a significant people in the past have contributed to national and global achievements.



Design and Technology

We will be learning about fruit and vegetables.

- To identify if a food is a fruit or a vegetable.
- To identify where plants grow and which parts we eat.
- To taste and compare fruit and vegetables.
- To make a fruit and vegetable smoothie.



Science

We will be looking at animals including humans. The children will:

- Know the names of a range of common animals.
- Learn about their body parts and senses.
- Understand the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

Computing

During this half term we will focus on using an app. The children will:

- Be able to open a computer program.
- Be able to use the tools within a program to make changes to a document.
- Be able to save their creation.



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Learning Logs will be sent home at the beginning of the half term. These will contain a number of activities relating to learning which has taken place in class recently. This will enable children to share what they have learnt at school with adults at home and to show their learning in a variety of creative ways.

Please also take the time to read with your child each day. Research shows children who read regularly at home perform better in all areas of the curriculum.

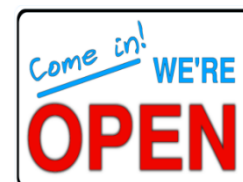
We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Reading Open Sessions which will continue to take place this half term.

These will be 20 minutes sessions where you can come into your child's class and listen to them read.

We hope you will join us if you are able.

The sessions will take place on **Fridays** from 8:50 to 9:10.

Next term, we will choose a different day to try and accommodate as many parents and carers as possible.



Key Dates for this half term:

Tuesday 29th August – School reopens. Welcome back!

Tuesday 3rd October – Routes to Resilience open session

Monday 9th October – Harvest Festival. Donations are welcome.

Tuesday 10th October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th October – Parents' Evening

Friday 13th October – School closes for half term.

