

Year 1 Curriculum Overview – Summer Term

English

Children will be taught about castles and dragons as well as Africa. They will use their own ideas to write sentences and also recite poetry. Emphasis will be placed on the correct use of punctuation and grammar and children will be taught spelling rules and strategies to support their writing. Children will be encouraged to use our new scheme of handwriting – kinetic letters, using organised and clear presentation.

Maths

Children will continue to improve their counting skills, both forward and back in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. They will use place value to help solve equations involving all four operations. They will learn to represent and compare numbers to 50. We will also learn about money and geometry and will introduce simple fractions. By the end of Year 1, children will be expected to know all multiplication facts for the 2 and 10 times table.

Science

In the first half of the Summer term children will be revisiting the Materials topic. They will be making links to our work in History: finding out what castles were built from and their properties. In the second half term, our topic is 'Green Fingers'. As the weather warms up, children will be using the environmental area to plant and care for a variety of common garden plants

Computing

In Computing, children will be using a keyboard to develop their typing skills. They will understand that we can use a computer to write. Children will explore the keyboard to add and remove text on Microsoft Word. The children will understand that the appearance of text on a computer can be altered by changing the colour, size and font.

Geography

The children will learn to name and locate the seven continents and the world's oceans. They will also learn about the United Kingdom and identify the countries it is made up of and their capital cities. Links will also be made to our English texts about Africa: children will be able to locate the continent on a world map and make comparisons between Kenya and Bedford.

History

In History the children will be learning about the different types of castles, when and how they were built, and the names for the different parts. We will be looking at roles people had in castles, the life of a knight and how castles are used today. We will also be celebrating St George's Day on 23rd April and finding out why he is the patron saint of England.

Art

This term the children will be developing their art skills through drawing and painting. They will develop their understanding of primary and secondary colours. They will study the works of George Seurat and Wassily Kandinsky, using it as inspiration for their own work.

Design & Technology

DT this term links with our History topic. Children will be designing and making a castle. They will use simple tools to join materials and ask questions to evaluate their finished work. They will explore and use mechanisms (for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles).

PSHE

The children will learn about how we change as we grow. They will discuss how they are affected by change and to deal with it in a positive way making links to transition to Year 2. We will also continue to reinforce the importance of handwashing and personal hygiene.

RE

The children will be looking at the big question 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' The children will explore stories; learn about the holy month of Ramadan; how Muslims celebrate Eid and how they live their lives.

Physical Education

In our indoor lessons, children will use skills they have learnt throughout year to create a piece of dance. They will be learning about healthy minds and how physical activity can affect this. Children will develop agility and coordination in our outdoor lessons this term. They will be building up stamina to run and further develop their skills to throw accurately using the correct technique.

Music

This term, children will develop their basic ensemble skills, focusing on following a conductor and recalling simple patterns within a given structure. Pupils will demonstrate contrast in their playing and start to identify and describe clear changes in sound. Pupils will also sing as part of an ensemble exploring a range of musical styles, musicians and composers.

<u>Other Information</u>	<u>Useful Days To Remember</u>	<u>Homework</u>
Dali Class Miss Shakeshaft & Mrs Ali	PE – Monday and Wednesday	English and Maths homework will be set weekly from Monday to Monday. Children are expected to read every day as well as practise spellings and times tables daily using Spelling Shed and TT Rock Stars. Please note down any reading in your child's planner.
Picasso Class Miss Miller & Miss Francis	PE – Tuesday and Wednesday	
Mondrian Class Miss Parker & Mrs Ridley	PE – Monday and Friday	