

Year 1 Curriculum Overview – Spring Term

English

Children will be taught a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres, such as Fairy stories and Traditional Tales, instructions and 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 continue to improve their cursive handwriting, using organised and clear presentation.

Maths

Children will practise 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. They will learn to solve equations involving all four operations. They will learn to represent and compare numbers to 50. We will also learn about length, height, weight and volume. Children are expected to know all multiplication facts for the 2 and 10 times table by the end of year 1.

Science

Children will be learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. We will be studying insects and learning the correct names for parts of the body. We will also be learning to classify animals such as amphibians, reptiles and birds and identify them as carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We will also look at food chains. In the second half of the term we will be looking at types of trees and flowering plants. They will predict, test and evaluate ideas and present their findings in a variety of ways.

Computing

This term's topic is 'we are painters'. Children will be working as part of a group to produce pictures using a computer to tell part of a story. They are going to think about how digital illustrations have been created and understand how the use of ICT differs from paint and paper.

Geography

The children will learn about Africa. They will compare similarities and differences between Bedford and a town in Kenya. They will learn about different locations and the features that are found there. They will study the country and learn about the lifestyle, weather, wildlife and climate in a different country.

History

This term in history we will be learning about significant people. We will be focusing on Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole and comparing similarities and differences in their lives and practises.

Art

This term the children will be developing their art skills through printing and collage. They will be looking at shapes in the environment and learning to draw freehand. They will finish the term by creating a shaped collage/print, influenced by the work of Kandinsky and Cezanne.

Design & Technology

This term's starting point for DT is food and farming. The children will be learning about a healthy diet and where food comes from. They will end the topic by planning, creating and evaluating a healthy snack.

PSHE

This term the children will focus on keeping themselves healthy. They will learn to create a healthy balanced diet and why physical activity is important. They will also learn the importance of sleep, dental hygiene and handwashing.

RE

This term the children will be learning about what makes some places sacred and significant to believers. We will also be learning about Easter and understand why it is important to Christians.

Physical Education (indoor)

The children will undertake Gymnastics. They will learn basic gymnastic skills and focusing on rolls and jumps. After half term, the children will complete Dance. They will learn dance skills and techniques and compose their own motifs.

Physical Education (outdoor)

The children will be completing Multi Sports activities. They will focus on using a bat and ball as well as throwing techniques. They will also learn about creating their own games. Please ensure they have an appropriate outdoor PE kit.

Music

The children will be exploring the pulse in music. They will be listening to and appraising different pieces of music. They will also be using percussion instruments and their voices to copy rhythms. We will also be introducing them to composing.

Homework

Mon – Spellings
Tue – SPAG
Wed – Maths
Thu – Topic work
Fri – No Homework

<u>Other Information</u>	<u>Useful Days To Remember</u>	<u>Homework</u>
Dali Class Mrs Zaman	PE – Tuesday and Thursday Library – Monday	Mon – Maths (due on Wed) Tue – English (due on Thu)
Mondrian Class Mrs Pinney	PE – Monday and Wednesday Library – Thursday	Wed – Maths (due on Mon) Thu – English (due on Tue)
Picasso Class Miss Miller	PE – Tuesday and Thursday Library – Monday	Fri – No Homework