

Year 1 Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term

English

Children will be taught a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres, such as Fairy stories and Traditional Tales in a familiar setting. They will be writing labels, lists and captions as well as learning and reciting 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 cursive handwriting, using organised and clear presentation.

Maths

Children will be learning the place value of digits and their importance. They will be introduced to strategies and methods to help solve addition and subtraction problems and will be practising number bonds to 10.
By the end of Year 1, children will be expected to know all multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

Science

Children will be learning about themselves. They will name parts of the body, both inside and out and the importance of the senses.
They will also learn about materials. They will predict, test and evaluate ideas and present their findings in a variety of ways.

Computing

This term's topic is 'We are treasure hunters'.
Children will be developing their understanding of different forms of ICT. They will be introduced to the term 'Algorithm' and learn to program toys to hunt for treasure.

Geography

This term's big question is 'What do you see on your way to school?' Children will be investigating where they live and developing field work skills in the school grounds.
They will be learning to make and use simple maps.
We will be looking at seasonal weather patterns over the course of the year.

History

In History the children will be learning about significant people from the past, focusing on Florence Nightingale. They will be finding out about her life and the improvements she made to hospitals.
During 'Black History Month' we will find out about Mary Seacole and compare her life to that of Florence Nightingale.

Art

This term the children will be developing their drawing skills and finish by applying their skills to create a still life drawing based on musical instruments.
Then children will be looking at pattern and printing. They will finish the term by creating a repeated pattern influenced by the work of Klee and Kandinsky.

Design & Technology

Children will be designing and making a moving vehicle using wheels and axles. They will use simple tools to join materials and ask questions to evaluate their finished work.

PSHE

The children will be looking at the idea of beginning and belonging as well as developing an understanding of our whole school values.

RE

This term the children will be learning about what makes some places sacred and significant to believers of different faiths.
After half term, they will be learning about the Christmas story.

Physical Education (indoor)

This term the children will complete a Dance unit of work using the music of Tchaikovsky. They will learn dance skills and techniques and compose their own motifs. After half they will learn some basic gymnastic skills, focusing on rolls and jumps.

Physical Education (outdoor)

The children will be completing Multi Sports activities. They will focus on catching and throwing techniques.
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 and will be introduced to simple composing.
We will be learning songs to perform at our forthcoming Harvest Assembly.

Homework

This half term the focus for homework will be reading. Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support their literacy skills. Please use the prompt questions provided to ask your child questions about the text which will help develop their comprehension skills. Reading books will be changed once per week, however please ensure reading books and reading records are in school every day.

Other Information

Dali Class

Miss Shakeshaft & Mrs Ali

Mondrian Class

Mrs Murch & Miss Morgan

Picasso Class

Miss Miller & Mrs Ridley

Useful Days to Remember

Dali Class

PE – Wednesday and Thursday; Library – Tuesday

Mondrian Class

PE – Monday and Thursday; Library – Tuesday

Picasso Class

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