

Curriculum Letter

Year 1 Autumn term

Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. We are looking forward to another exciting term. We are continuing with our 2 week timetable this year—the children have fed back how much they enjoy experiencing their favourite subjects all year round and we have seen the benefits in their retention of knowledge. We have an exciting curriculum across the school and we can't wait to get started.

Music—Tempo

This term in Music, our project will be exploring tempo through singing and rhyme. We will be learning how to find the tempo in music using our singing voices and instruments.

Key Vocabulary: tempo, pulse, rhythm, tuned, un-tuned, beat.



History—Schools

This term in history, we will be learning about how our school has changed over time. We will be looking at what it was like in the past and how it looks now in the present.

- How has uniform changed over time?
- How have the classrooms changed over time?
- How has learning changed over time?
- Why have these changes happened?

Key Vocabulary: past, present, parent, grandparent, pupils, technology, timetable, uniform, routine.



D&T— levers and sliders

This term in D&T we will be learning about levers and sliders to design and make our own Winter card.

Key Vocabulary:

Mechanisms, lever, vertical, horizontal, slider



Art—spirals and printing

In Art this term, we will be exploring spirals and print making. Children will develop their skills to create their own 'snail' based on Matisse's the snail. They will also be developing their skills in print making during art lessons and structured play!

Key Vocabulary:

Spirals, collage, print



Geography—What's in my town?

This term in Geography, we will be looking at our local area. Children will be exploring East-the-Water on our fieldwork trip: looking at the different human and physical features.

- What is a floorplan?
- What are human features?
- What are physical features?

Key Vocabulary: physical , human, bungalow, flat, house, park, shop



PE

This term in PE, we will be covering the following sport:

- Fundamental movement skills



RE— Christianity

This term in RE we will be looking at Christianity.

We will be learning more about: The Creation Story, The Nativity and Advent.

Key Vocabulary:

Belief, Christianity, Jesus, Advent



Science—seasonal changes and humans

This term in Science, our first topic will be seasonal changes and understanding how our seasons change . They will learn about the fascinating science behind how the seasons change.

- What are autumnal features?
- How does the weather change in Autumn?
- What features can we spot in the forest?

Key Vocabulary: Autumn, leaves, rain, wind, colder

Our second topic will be animals including humans, investigating human features. They will learn about our different body parts and the five senses.

- Does everyone look the same?
- What are the five senses?
- Which body part is used for which sense?

Key Vocabulary: touch, taste, smell, hear, sight

Structured play

We will be exploring all of our curriculum through structured play. Some of the exciting things we will be making are:

- Finger painting based on Matisse's Snail.
- Funny Bones skeleton (using our science knowledge about humans)
- Seasonal cards (using our printing skills)
- Christmas cookies (made for a Christian celebration)

Homework

To support your child with their RWI and maths fluency we will be sending QR codes and maths sheets home every Friday.

We would love for you to read with your child every day. This could be sharing a book together, listening to your child read or reading to your child. We would like reading at home to be an enjoyable and shared experience.

