

Year 1 Spring 1 2023 Parents'/Carers' Leaflet

Science

Our focus this half term is materials and their properties. We will give the children lots of opportunities to explore a wide range of everyday materials and will teach them the key vocabulary to describe their properties. We will complete a simple test to investigate how well different kitchen paper towels absorb water.

Geography

This half term we will be learning about the United Kingdom.

- We are learning about the four countries, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- We will explore the physical and human features in each country and learn about the four capital cities.
- We will sequence some toys from oldest to newest.

English

This half term we will be reading *Katie in London* by James Mayhew. After reading the story, we will learn about all of the different sights and landmarks around London. This will help us to write our own adventure about exploring London on a Lion.

The children will continue to learn basic sentence structure, focusing on capital letters, full stops and correct spacing.

PE

In dance we will perform dances using a range of movements and patterns. We will focus on moving with control and respond to the rhythm of the music.

We will also continue to develop our ball skills using our hands in basketball and feet in football.

Look at our curriculum map to see what exciting things we will be learning this half term.

RE

We will learn about what it means to belong to a church or mosque. We will discuss what pupils might see in a mosque or church building, and what the people do when they go there. We will begin to understand that there are differences and similarities between churches and mosques, but that not all churches or mosques are the same.

Mathematics

This half term your children will be focusing on:

- ◆ Addition and subtraction within 20
- ◆ Place value to 50
- ◆ Measurement—length and height and mass and volume
- ◆ KIRFS—halving numbers to 20 and recognise and name 2D shapes.

Sketchbooks

Each week we will communicate something about ourselves by drawing. We will start by drawing self portraits and then later in the half term we will take inspiration from Frida Kahlo.

Art

At the end of the half term we focus around the art skill of paper craft. We will be learning how to create art works by rolling, folding, cutting and curling paper.

We will be discussing paper collages and sculptures created by different artists.

Computing

Our unit this half term is called 'maze explorers'. In this unit we will understand how to create a set of instructions on Purple Mash by making an algorithm. Our instructions will use the directional keys. At the end of the term we will set challenges to peers to complete the maze by using the directional keys.

Music

Each of our weekly music lessons follows a familiar structure:

- We name, listen to and talk about instruments.
- We listen to and appraise a piece of music.
- We listen to music by our famous composer, Mozart.
- We learn and sing songs and create and follow a rhythm using shape cards.