

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn



YEAR 1 - TERM 2

Putting on a show

Please enjoy reading this Curriculum Newsletter. It gives a brief overview of what your child will be learning in each subject area this term.

English

As well as following our Phonics programme and learning the skills of reading, the children will continue learning how to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and will also begin to learn about sequencing sentences. They will learn about nouns (common and proper), titles and headings and will write an autumn acrostic poem. They will learn how to write vertical lists, being inspired by *The Shopping Basket* by John Burningham.

The children will continue developing their speaking and listening skills by performing a show and tell task to the rest of the class and preparing for a Christmas Play.

Maths

The children will begin to recognise and know how to use the + and – signs for addition and subtraction. They will begin to learn strategies for adding and subtracting numbers and find doubles and halves of numbers.

Science

The children will learn to name objects and the materials they are made from. They will describe their properties and begin to work scientifically to find why the choice of material is linked to these properties and will be introduced to the words *waterproof*, *absorbent* and *tough*.

Religious Education

The Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali will be a big focus for the children and they will present their findings in an assembly. They will hear stories from the Bible that include the value of Friendship and will learn the Nativity story and why Christmas is celebrated by many Christians.

Music

The children will learn songs for Diwali, Christingle and the Christmas Play. They will perform these songs to an audience. Percussion instruments will be used to accompany some of the songs too.

Physical Education

The children will continue learning gymnastic skills; balancing on small and large parts of the body and will learn how to join shapes and movement to create dances.

Geography

The children will use Google Earth and maps to locate our school and playground. They will learn to make a map of the classroom and suggest ways of improving our playground.

Design & Technology Including Cooking & Nutrition

The children will learn about different methods for joining textiles then design and make a puppet. They will create clay Divas for Diwali and several craft items for Christmas.

PSHE

The children will be learning all about Celebrating Difference. They will learn about similarities and differences between themselves and others and not only begin to understand bullying but also some strategies for dealing with it.

Computing

The children will learn how to create animated stories on the computer; drawing pictures, adding sound and making pictures move.

Art

The children will learn how to create symmetrical Rangoli patterns as part of their learning about Diwali.

More detailed information can be found on our website but if you have any queries about our curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher.