

Year 1 INSPIRE curriculum newsletter – Autumn 1

In our Geography lessons, Year 1 will be observing and describing our local area. We will create maps of the classroom, school grounds and learn about compass directions. We will be going on a local area walk around Mickleover, and we will enjoy a visit from 'Little City'.

Our crucial curriculum content for this topic is:

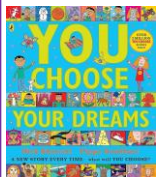
- To use geographical vocabulary to describe what the local area and my school grounds are like
- To create a map of school
- To know what an aerial image is and label the geographical features on it.



Geography



Me and my world



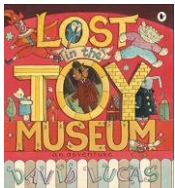
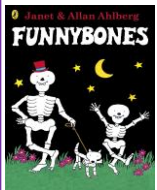
Reading



Writing



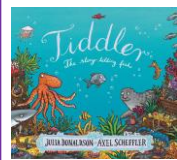
Art



We will be reading a variety of non-fiction texts linked to our topic to build our reading skills. We will also read fiction stories this half term such as *Funny bones*, *You and the Universe* and *Lost in the toy museum*.

In writing lessons, we will be learning about adjectives and how to form and extend sentences through a setting description based on the traditional tale *Hansel and Gretel*. This introductory unit will support early writing development by helping us make thoughtful vocabulary choices and give us opportunities to write descriptive sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will then explore *Tiddler* by Julia Donaldson and create our own narrative portal stories, developing our ability to sequence events, extend sentences and add descriptive detail to our writing.

In Art lessons, we will develop our drawing and sketching skills. We will learn about the artist Andy Warhol and create some pop-art self portraits. We will draft our self portraits, taking care to place our eyes, nose, ears and mouth in the correct place.



INSPIRE - Investigate

Nurture

Skills

Practical

Imaginative

Reflect

Enjoy



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Science

In science lessons, we will learn about our body parts and senses.



music

In music lessons, we will explore ways to use our voice expressively while singing. We will talk about different instruments we can hear in music and clap back rhythms.



PE

In PE lessons, we will develop our team building skills and learn about fitness. We will improve our balancing, jumping, throwing and catching skills.



PSHE

In PSHE, we are focusing on celebrating differences. We will look at the groups we identify with and explore how we are all unique.



RE

In RE, we will learn about Christianity and explore the beliefs of people who identify as 'Christians'.



Computing

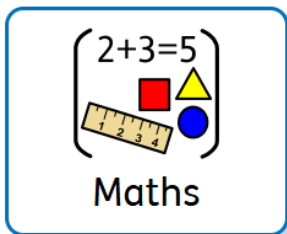
In Computing, we will learn about the features of iPads, QR codes and begin to explore how to log on to apps like Purple Mash.



Phonics

In Phonics, we will recap our Phase 3 graphemes and learn about smooth, accurate blending.

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In maths, we will be diving into the foundations of number and shape through the White Rose Maths curriculum. The focus is on building confidence with numbers up to 10 and developing key mathematical language and reasoning skills.

✦ Key Learning Areas:

Place Value (within 10):

- Sorting, counting and representing objects
- Reading and writing numbers as digits and words
- Finding one more and one less
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Using number lines to support understanding

Addition and Subtraction (within 10):

- Exploring part-whole models
- Writing number sentences
- Understanding fact families and number bonds to 10
- Using concrete resources and pictorial representations to solve problems.

Throughout the term, children will be encouraged to use practical resources, visual models and mathematical vocabulary to deepen their understanding. The aim is to develop fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging way

This term, we will fulfil the pledge 'Be an adventurer' by participating on a local walk in our geography lessons.

1. Be safe, happy and healthy
2. Be a fundraiser
3. Be a performer
4. Be an eco-warrior
5. Be respectful
6. Be a volunteer
7. Be democratic
8. Be an adventurer
9. Be an expert learner
10. Be workwise

