



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Maths

During our Maths lessons, we will be deepening our understanding of place value within 10, addition and subtraction within 10 and geometry focusing on shape.

We're excited to start our weekly Maths for Life session. This term our topics will be Time and Money.



English

This term, we will begin our English learning with The Train Ride, developing our handwriting and letter formation skills alongside our understanding of how to write clear sentences. We will then explore the fun and imaginative story You Choose, where we will broaden our vocabulary, develop our speaking and listening skills and learn how to use the conjunction 'and' to join ideas and make our sentences longer.



Science

In Science, we will be looking at Animals Including Humans. Children will identify body parts of animals and classify and categorise animals in different ways.





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PE

We will be starting the term with Health-Related Fitness and Sport Fundamentals. We will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. We will then move on to Ball Skills and Team Building. Focusing on throwing and catching, rolling and dribbling with both hands and feet. PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



RE

This term, we will be looking at: Who celebrates what? How and where? We will explore celebrations that matter in Sandwell, focusing on Christians, Muslims and Sikhs. We will also look at why Christmas matters to Christians.



PSHE & RSE

During the Autumn term, the children will take part in the Jigsaw units 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.





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History

In History, we will be learning about Guy Fawkes. We will use timelines to understand that the Gunpowder Plot is an event beyond living memory. We will look in detail at the events leading up to and after 5th November 1605 and explore how Bonfire Night is celebrated today.



Geography

In Geography, we will be learning all about our local area. We will be locating where we live on an aerial photograph and recognising local features. We will create maps using classroom objects before drawing simple maps of the school grounds.



Computing

In Autumn 1, we will be developing our mouse skills by learning how to log in and navigate around a computer while creating digital artwork. In Autumn 2, we will be exploring commands and instructions through a range of unplugged games and activities while developing an understanding of key vocabulary.





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Art

In Art, children will experiment with tone and use colour to indicate mood in the style of the artist Pablo Picasso. They will have opportunities to mix and explore colours, make creative choices and discuss how different colours can make us feel.



Music

Children will explore different elements of music through listening and performing. They will learn about pitch and matching them to instruments and voices. Pupils will also be introduced to dynamics and tempo. Children will create simple rhythm patterns and explore how music can express different moods and emotions.



Design & Technology

In D&T, children will be making Christmas cards with moving parts involving mechanisms.





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Additional Information



What can you do at home to help?

Homework - Please help your child complete their weekly Pobble task or Maths.co.uk activity and Family Maths Activities.

Practise weekly spellings, Year 1 Common Exception Words and handwriting (focusing on correct formation and size).

Ensure your child is reading at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading records. To help them further, you could ask them questions about what they are reading.

Stunning Start - Local Area - All About Me

Fantastic Finish - Making Moving Christmas Cards

Outdoor Learning - Geography - Compass Points
(Parents invited TBC)

