Year 1 Newsletter Summer Term 2022

Welcome to the final term of Year One. Please find details below of our topics this term.

English

Our focus in English will be traditional fairy tales. We will be reading a variety of well-known stories and learning about their features. The children will also be looking at description within fairy tales, which will help them to write their own alternative versions of the stories. Work on sentence structure and handwriting will be ongoing.

Our phonics work will focus on consolidating decoding and blending skills to support reading unfamiliar words, including alien (nonsense) words. Towards the end of the term, the children will practise alternative ways to spell different sounds and develop increasingly accurate spelling of high frequency and common exception words (see reading diaries for lists of these).

Maths

This term we will be measuring and comparing weight and capacity using uniform and non-standard units. The children will also learn how to recognise halves and quarters of shapes and learning that 2/2=1, 4/4=1 and 2/4=1/2. We will be revisiting place value, partitioning and ordering numbers to 100 and exploring the patterns associated with counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. We will also be continuing to solve addition and subtraction number problems; relating these to real-life contexts. We will also be consolidating recognition of and comparison between 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

Our topic for this term is 'Plants'. We will investigate what plants need to grow and will look at the basic structure of flowering plants; learning about the purpose of different parts. The children will also begin to distinguish between wild and garden plants with a focus on naming common examples of both types of plant.

Music

This term the children will gain the knowledge they need to create their own music. From soundscapes to songs, children will work collaboratively using instruments and voices to experiment, improvise and compose; developing their musical skills along the way. They will also practice their performance skills as they prepare for their end of term assembly.

Computing and D&T

D&T will link to our Fairy Tales topic with the children designing puppets of fairy tale characters. They will also design a fruit and vegetable smoothie, making links to our 'Plants' topic in Science.

In Computing, the children will program a toy to move around a map to find buried treasure, using and predicting algorithms and debugging their programs.

History/Geography

Our focus will be on the seaside. We will look at human and physical features of a British seaside as well as learning how to stay safe by the sea. We will also explore how summer holidays have changed through time.

RE

Our first topic will explore what it means to be a Muslim. We will look at Islamic practices as well as stories that teach us about Muslim beliefs. During the second half of the term, our topic will be Christianity, considering the responsibility God has given people for taking care of the world.

PE

Our PE topics until half term are Gymnastics and Net and Wall. After half term, we will move onto Invasion Games and Yoga.

Please ensure all PE kit items are clearly named and brought to school every Monday.

PSHE

The two Jigsaw PSHE topics for this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. Please refer to the Parentmail which was sent separately for more specific information.

* We would really appreciate any kind donations of class tissue boxes and glue sticks to help us through the summer term. Thank you!

* We are now sending two decodable books home each week, in addition to the Oxford Owl ebook. Please ensure both books and your child's reading diary is in their plastic pouch in school every day!