

YEARS 1 AND 2

AUTUMN TERM CYCLE 2

CURRICULUM STATEMENT



ENGLISH

We shall be studying the National Curriculum in speaking and listening, reading and writing. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. In speaking and listening we will be continuing to encourage children to speak in sentences when they are answering questions in all areas of the curriculum. We shall also continue to introduce new vocabulary in all subjects this term. These will include our Words of the Week.

In reading the children will learn through guided sessions, where a focused objective is taught to a group. In addition to this we will hear the children read individually at least twice a week. We also encourage the children to read as much as they can in their own time. The children will practise their reading through a variety of activities, including comprehension tasks, phonic games and reading stories to each other.

Year 1 children will continue to be taught phonics building on what they have learnt in foundation stage. They will be taught a range of sounds in a week, and the following week they will receive a reading book consolidating their learning. The Year 2 children will be taught spelling and grammar following the Oxford Owl Scheme. Useful websites to practise phonics, spelling and grammar are Phonics Play and Oxford Owl.

In writing we will continue to teach the children to join their handwriting following the school's cursive scheme. The children will be writing in a variety of genres. Our topic this term is Heroes and Heroines. The children will write stories, letters, newspaper articles, poems and recounts all linked to Heroes and Heroines.

MATHS

We shall be studying the National Curriculum using the Maths No Problem programme. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. Year 1 will be working on numbers to 10 and then simple addition and subtraction. Year 2 will be working on place value and then more complex addition and subtraction. A useful website to practise mathematics skills is BBC Bitesize.

SCIENCE

We shall be studying the National Curriculum in Science. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. This term we will be studying Materials and their Properties. We will be using scientific enquiry to note similarities and differences between materials and to observe materials over time to see how they change.

In Computing, the children will be studying simple animation. We will be making simple puppets to retell some of our stories, filming them and teaching the children how to make the puppets appear to be moving. A useful website to learn more about materials and their properties is BBC Bitesize.

THE ARTS

In Art we will be teaching the children to draw simple objects linked to autumn. They will be learning basic drawing and shading skills. In Music the children will be studying listening to and singing well known pieces. These may include a selection of classical, folk, ancient hymns and nursery rhymes.

In DT we will be studying textiles. The children will be learning how to form a number of simple stitch types. These skills will be demonstrated and displayed through our Christmas Decoration project where the children will be producing the decorations for our main Christmas trees in the Hall.

THE HUMANITIES

In History, the children will continue the theme of Heroes and Heroines by studying a different significant person from history each week. These people are significant because they have helped change the world. Examples of significant people include: Florence Nightingale, Winston Churchill and Amy Johnson. There are many websites on the Internet that will help you to learn more about these people at home.

In Geography we will be learning about weather patterns. We will be linking weather patterns to seasonal change in science. The children will be going on learning walks around the school grounds to observe weather and seasonal change.

PE

In PE we will be learning skills to help us play attacking and defending games. This will include basic football and netball skills. We will also learn about the importance of working in a team. We will also be learning a range of dances which will include country dancing and preparing drama/routines for the Christmas play.

RE/ PHSE

In RE we will be studying belonging and what it means to belong. We will discuss our families, friends and our school. We will also learn that religious people belong to a faith and how they show that they belong to that faith. In PSHE we will continue to follow the Jigsaw programme. The themes the children will be studying are: Being Me In My World and Celebrating Difference.

TERMLY COMPETITIONS

We will be working towards competing in our annual X Factor competition. Our competition in DT is based around designing and making Christmas decorations. Each week we find a Time Question of the Day competition winner. In addition, our DoJo system is reward-based and points can be awarded for excellence in any area of school life. This includes – but is not restricted to – academic studies, determination to succeed and making super progress.