



Year 1/2 – Autumn Term Overview

Phonics:

- Following the Floppy phonics scheme, the children will be securing blending and segmenting during the Autumn Term. The children will also be presented with various opportunities to extend or deepen their knowledge through sentences.

Writing:

- The children will write for a range of purposes, which will be linked to our class texts, such as: 'The Love Monster and the Last Chocolate, Nadia's Hands and a variety of poetry'.
- They will be writing to inform, to entertain and to instruct through writing imaginative stories, writing letters and retelling a tale.
- Children will focus on key writing skills. They will practice using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, and correct letter formation to improve their writing. These basic skills are essential for developing clear and neat handwriting.
- The children will also develop their writing skills by using a variety of features such as adjectives, conjunctions, time adverbials and lots more in their writing.

Maths:

- The children will cover a range of different maths skills and strategies this term.
- These include place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication.

Wider Curriculum

- In our RE lessons, we will be learning about Christmas Celebrations. Children will learn about what a celebration is and why religions celebrate things that are important to them. The Nativity story will also be explored.
- In science, we will be exploring two topics which are, 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Investigating Changes in Materials'. The children will explore a range of scientific skills by observing and evaluating information around us.
- In Geography, our topic is 'It's a wonderful world – a study of an African country'. The children will develop their place and locational knowledge and understanding. They will explore and investigate geographical similarities and differences of a contrasting locality with a non-European country compared to the UK. The children will be able to identify and explain key physical and human features and begin to use geographical skills to develop their knowledge of the wider world.
- In History, we will be learning about The Cadbury Family. We will explore their significance in history and also visit Cadbury World.
- In Art and DT, we will be using storybook illustration as a stimulus and children will develop their mark making skills to explore a wider range of tools. In DT, the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears will be the inspiration for creating Baby Bear a new chair, exploring different shapes and materials. Hidden sugars in drink will also be covered.
- In PSHE we will take part in circle times to discuss friendships, bullying and how we can be a good friend to others.
- In computing we will begin by learning about Systems and Networks around us and then move on to learning about how data and information are collected and stored. E-safety will also be explored and discussed.

How can I help at home?

Wider Curriculum ideas:

Spend time outdoors and discuss the nature and plants the children see around them.

Share a delicious bar of chocolate and talk about why you like it or dislike it!

Phonics ideas:

Read to your child before bedtime and share their excitement for reading.

Visit the library.

Listen to your child read at least 4 times per week.

Writing ideas:

Keep a diary of important events.

Practise writing a simple sentence which includes the keys skills they are mastering (finger spaces, capital letters and full stops).

SPELLINGS – These are so important in year 1/2. Common exception words for year 1 and 2 can be found anywhere online. Alternatively... ask us for a copy! Spelling homework is also set weekly on EdShed.

Maths ideas:

Investigate number bonds to 20, 50 and 100.

Practise the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

Maths homework is set weekly on maths.co.uk.

Useful Websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

<https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/menu>

<https://www.maths.co.uk/>