

Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2

Maths

This term we will be moving on from deepening our understanding of numbers to ten to look at numbers to twenty and the relationship between them. The children will be estimating and ordering these numbers as well as being able to confidently say what is one more and one less. We will be looking at doubling and halving numbers to twenty as well as looking at odd and even numbers.

The children will be revisiting 2D and 3D shapes and will build on their learning in Rainbow by looking at the various properties of these shapes.

PE

This term on Mondays we will be learning about traditional playground games to tie in with our history topic.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays we will be doing gymnastics.

Remember, the children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Mondays, Mars class on Wednesdays and Venus Class on Thursdays.

Literacy

We will continue to focus on sentence writing and sentence structure this half term. Some of the topics/ stories we will cover include Toy Story, Mr Men, The Three Little Pigs, and Christmas Stories.

We will also be looking at poetry and in particular at riddles.

To support your child at home we would encourage you to get them to really verbalize a sentence before writing it, and as they write it check that it makes sense.

We have attached a handwriting sheet to practice letter formation at home.

Please do this with your child, ensuring that they are starting in the right place for each letter.

Computing

Last term we looked at basic computer skills such as turning a laptop on and off, opening an application, saving and retrieving work, and minimizing and changing the size of a window.

This term we will be learning about basic painting skills in a painting application on a laptop. Children will use a simple painting program to paint with different colours and brushes, create shapes, fill areas, undo and redo and add text.

History

In history we will be learning about then and now in relation to toys, ourselves and school life. The children will be asked to think about how things have changed over time.

We are also having a wow day on **Thursday 21st November** where we will transform the classroom to the Victorian era, more information will follow nearer the time.

Music

This half term we will be continuing to learn about body percussion and using our voices to sing in tune.

We will also be learning about pitch, which sounds are high and low and making our voices high and low.

RE

In the first half term we looked at festivals surrounding Harvest time including the Jewish festival of Sukkot. This next half term we will be looking at Festivals of Light; Christmas and Hanukkah. The children will be looking at the symbols of light within these festivals and will start to develop their religious Literacy by discussing similarities and differences between the two. We will also be looking the use of symbols within a Church and a Synagogue in relation to this.

PSHE

In the first half term we looked at school and classroom rules and how to stay safe at school. We made network hands to identify who we can speak to if we have a worry, this including adults both in and out of school.

This half term our topic is getting on and falling out. We be learning about what makes a good friend and how to solve problems.

Science

We will finish off our topic on senses by learning about people who don't have access to one or more of their senses and what can help them, (for example braille writing).

We will then start our topic on materials. We will learn what a material is and about the properties of materials. We will carry out an investigation into magnetic materials. We will then present the children with a problem involving materials. The children will need to create a tent for a bear and investigate which material would be best. This will also link to our D&T topic of making a glove puppet.

D&T

To link to our history topic on traditional toys and science topic on materials we will be making glove puppets. The children will start by designing a puppet, then explore different ways to join materials (e.g. sew, staple, glue). They will make a mock up of their design before making the finished product.

They will finish off by evaluating what they have made against their original design.

Dairy Dates/ Updates

Thursday 21st November– Victorian Wow Day. The children will come to school dressed in Victorian clothes and we will role play a Victorian school for the day. A letter with more details will be sent out shortly.

Please see Miss Edey's Newsletter for all other dates for this half term.