

Spring Term 2020 Curriculum Overview - Year 1

English

The children will continue to practise their presentation and cursive skills. They will use their comprehension booklets, working at their own pace and with support when needed. Spelling to learn lessons will continue, focusing on linking word families, recognising them in texts and using them independently in context. We will establish a weekly 'Guided Reading' lesson, during which pupils will read books in groups and complete differentiated activities to increase their enjoyment and understanding of the book. They will study poetry, imitating styles with their own ideas. Later in the term, we will share stories from Greek Mythology, discussing and acting them out before summarising them for display in the classroom.

Mathematics

This term, our maths lessons will focus on numeracy and problem-solving. The children will continue to develop their understanding of the concepts of addition, subtraction and multiplication. They will learn how to handle numbers above forty, by solving simple and complex two-digit operations. They will also learn about three-number additions and will study doubles and halves. By handling objects and using pictorial representations, they will develop their understanding of grouping and sharing quantities. They will learn how to describe directions and movements, pinpointing positions on a grid and using co-ordinates. Finally, they will practise distinguishing different types of geometric shapes and measuring sizes and weights.

Forest School

The children will explore the changes in nature. They will build shelters, learn about wildlife and create art inspired by the great outdoors, using natural paintbrushes that they will have made. They will also cook porridge over a wooden fire, visit Bushy Park to hunt for mini beasts, and take part in the Easter egg hunt.

French Drama

The children will continue developing their imagination and self-confidence. Our activities will involve the children entering 'magic worlds' and pretending to be something else by using their imagination and miming skills. They will also use their voice and body, adapting the ways in which they use them to suit the different types of music they will hear.

French

The children will reinforce their reading and comprehension skills. We will focus on the French pronunciation of sounds so that pupils are able to correctly pronounce words when reading short French texts aloud. In addition to Taoki's stories, the class will read and study French books from the collection *J'apprends à lire avec Sami et Julie*. In the second half of the term, they will begin work on a project to create their very own story book in French.

Humanities / Science

The children will develop their spatial awareness by learning how to describe their physical and geographical position and how to orientate themselves in their close and familiar surroundings (home, school, city). They will also learn about countries and their capital cities, continents and seas, and the Earth and its place in the Solar System. They will use different geographic tools, such as photographs, plans, maps, and a globe, to support their learning.

Reading

The children will have regular opportunities to hear stories told in English and in French. They will enhance their comprehension skills in both languages, which will support them in developing their own interest in reading. The children will also benefit from two one-to-one reading sessions a week. Each child will be encouraged to read at his/her own pace and will receive individual help and advice on how to improve and gain fluency.

Music

The children will be introduced to the basic music terms including beats, time signatures, note values, clefs and music notes. We will focus on treble clef notes and will practise naming them and writing them down. This will help the children to develop their musicianship further and will also enable them to read music more independently.

Art

The children will look at various satellites and spacecraft technology as inspiration to design and create their own three dimensional rocket models. In the second half of the term, we will be working to create a collaborative story book with illustrations by the children.

Life Skills

The children will work on the notion of respect for oneself, others and one's surroundings. They will learn to open their mind to cultural differences, and will be encouraged to celebrate diversity and discover traditions from abroad. The children will also develop their public speaking skills by presenting projects and ideas in front of an audience.

Ballet

This term, the children will focus on developing their ability to portray a story or a character through dance. They will also continue to learn how to work well individually and as part of a team.

Sport

This term, the children will be swimming, learning the basics of gymnastics, and developing throwing, catching and striking skills through games. We will place a particular emphasis on developing technique and skill.