

Reading

This term we will be focusing a lot on phonics. Making sure that all children can read Set 1 and Set 2 sounds, segmenting and blending them.

You can help at home by ensuring your child reads Story Green words and Red words so they become more fluent at reading.

Please hear your child read their reading book three times a week and ask questions about the text. Can your child read year 1 words?



Curriculum Overview Year 1 – Autumn 2024

Topic – Me and My World

Staff: Mrs. Gill and Miss Ismail

History and Geography

In Geography, our topic is 'Wonderful weather'. We will learn about the weather forecast and symbols.

In History, the children will discuss the differences between when their grandparents were children and their lives now. We will also learn about the life of the King,

How does the weather affect us?

Can your child discuss past, present and future?

What job would you do in the future?

Writing

We are going to use our phonics to practice name writing and simple sentences We will be working on correct letter formation, using full stops and capital letters to write simple sentences.

You can help by helping your child to form letters correctly, hold a pencil properly and spell CVC words using sounds that they know.

Please encourage your child to complete writing tasks using precursive handwriting.

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be using a mindfulness approach, thinking about how we can be successful and achieve our goals. In RE we will be looking at how we can be modest and listen to others. We will also discuss how we express job and celebrate different festivals e.g. Harvest, Diwali and Christmas.

Modern Foreign Languages

Each term we will be learning some key phrases and words in a language that is widely spoken in our school community. This term we will be learning how to say things like "Good Morning" and "My name is..." In Italian. Ask your child what they have learnt and see if they can teach you.

Science

This half term we will be learning about the seasons and how our local environment changes in Autumn. We will visit Aston Hall and observe the wildlife and changes to the trees and flowers. This will be the first of four visits to Aston Hall. We will be going in each season to observe how the Earth changes.

You can discuss seasonal changes in Autumn at home.

Take a walk in Aston Park with you family. collect leaves and conkers.

Maths

We are going to focus on developing the children's understanding of adding and subtraction within 10. The children will learn to add and subtract practically using concrete objects and mentally. They will use + and – operations to solve problems. The children will use practical resources to help them solve problems and recognise 2D shapes.

You can help at home by making sure your child can count, read and write numbers to 20. Can you find 2D shapes in the environment and at home?

P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON THURSDAY and FRIDAY

ICT

In ICT, we will be using Kapow and our focus will be to improve mouse skills. We will learn how to log in and navigate around a computer, developing mouse skills, learning how to drag, drop, click and control a cursor to create works of art inspired by Kandinsky and self-portraits.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be exploring a British artist, Andy Goldsworthy and his sculptures and photography.

In DT the children will be investigating what hand and finger puppets are and how they work. They will use pre-cut template of fabric for the base of their puppet. The children will practice running stitch and over stitch to sew their puppets.

You can help at home by watching a puppet show at home.

Reading

Our Year 2 children are continuing with phonics. They will be practicing their Set 2 and 3 sounds, alongside fluency. You can help at home by ensuring your child watches Read Write Inc videos.

Please hear your child read their reading book three times a week and ask questions about the text. We will be sending home a 'reading for pleasure' book. Enjoy this story, you can create voices, actions and discuss the characters.

Writing

This term we will be exploring a text called 'The Dragon Machine.' We will be meeting naughty dragons and taking them on our own adventure. We will be embedding capital letters, full stops and the use of adjectives to impact a reader.

We will also be creating a non-chronological report about castles.

You can help to practice at home by practicing the Year 2 Common Exception words.

Maths

We will be looking at the place value of numbers to 100, addition, subtraction and shape. We will also be practicing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Please support your child by helping them to count forwards and backwards to 100, and also counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They are lots of fun and educational videos online to support children with their maths skills.



Curriculum Overview Year 2 – Autumn 2024

Topic: Fit, for a King!

Castles and the geography of the UK

Staff: Miss Walters, Miss Queen, Mrs Choudhury, Miss Early and Miss Bartlett

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE and RE we will be using a mindfulness approach, thinking about our similarities and differences, thoughts and feelings, and looking ahead to what we want to achieve this school year.

Modern Foreign Languages

Each term we will be learning some key phrases and words in a language that is widely spoken in our school community. This term we will be learning how to say things like "Good Morning" and "My name is..." in French. Ask your child what they have learnt and see if they can teach you.

P.E

PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON Tuesdays and Wednesdays

ICT

In computing, we will be focusing on E-Safety and looking at how to keep safe online.

You can help at home by ensuring children are keeping safe online and following rules.

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about castles! Children will look at the features of castles, when they built, who lived in them and what they were used for. In Geography, we will be looking at the physical and human geography of the UK.

You can help at home by watching relevant history videos and looking at where castles can be found on a map.

Science

This term, we will be exploring everyday materials and how they are used for a purpose. We will be observing the changes in materials of tennis balls and why this has changed over time. The children will be conducting investigations, ensuring they think about a fair test and why this is important.

We will classify and group animals using technical vocabulary and create a simple food chain.

You can help your child by talking about different habitats in the environment.

Art and DT

We will be learning how to design and create a trebuchet. We will make and test our designs and evaluate how effective they are at catapulting materials.

You can help at home by looking at everyday materials and how they are used for a purpose.

Reading

This half term we will continue to look at the key reading domains for Key Stage 2.

Encourage your child to read at home for 15 minutes a day. Can they retell the main events of their book to you? Can they infer why a character acts a certain way? Can they discuss new words they have read and find their meanings?

Writing

We will be writing fiction and non-fiction texts, beginning with a narrative. We will be exploring a quest story, then use those ideas – as well as what we have learned in history - to create our own stories. We will also be learning new grammar features, like direct speech, as well as the year 3 spellings.

You can help at home by practising the year 3 spellings and encouraging your child to write. They could keep a diary for example.

Maths

We will be looking and multiplication and division in Maths this half term. Children will learn how to multiply and divide by 3, 4 and 8 and learn their 2, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

You can help at home by practising counting forwards and backwards in 3s, 4s and 8s. You can also help your child to practice their 2,3,4 and 8 times tables.



Curriculum Overview Year 3 – Autumn 1 2024

Topic : Tomb Raiders - Ancient Egypt

Staff: Miss Walsh, Ms. R Seymour,
Mrs Kaur and Mrs Parveen

RE and PSHE

Our PSHE topic is 'Dreams and Goals', so we will be looking at how to overcome challenges to achieve success. In RE, we will be learning about different religions from around the world. We will explore learn stories from different faith traditions and explore what Christmas means to Christians.

Modern Foreign Languages

In French this half term, children will be learning classroom instructions, names for parts of the human body and clothes.

P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

This Autumn term, we will be covering a range of skills in football, basketball and gymnastics in PE.

ICT

We will deliver computing lessons using ipads. Children will develop confidence when using technology. We will also explore how to stay safe online.

History and Geography

This half term, we will be focusing more on the history of ancient Egypt. We will look at pharaohs, gods and goddesses, the social structure of Egypt and the discoveries of the famous archaeologist Howard Carter.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to research Egypt and its ancient history. Perhaps you could visit a local library to find out more.

Science

In science, we are learning about rocks We'll be carrying out a range of investigations and experiments to explore types of rocks and their properties. Then we will look at the information rocks give us about our land.

Explore naming rocks and how they are formed – can you find out what igneous rocks are?

The Arts

In DT, we will be looking at clasps and hinges to make a working sarcophagus. During our DT week later this term, we will be using a variety of materials to make our own sarcophagus.

You can help at home by researching Egyptian sarcophagi at home.

Reading

We are going to deepen our comprehension skills by looking at hidden meaning within texts (inference). We are also going to look carefully at vocabulary choices the author has made, and the skill of summarizing key events in longer texts. Our texts this half term will be focusing on the vocabulary, how to infer meaning and retrieving answers from a text.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child reads their book for 15 minutes each day. Can your child read 120 words per minute?

Writing

We are going to be writing fiction and non-fiction texts, developing skills in;

- Careful planning and organization of text
- Fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and using paragraphs
- Using, ? ! accurately
- Selecting vocabulary carefully
- Proof reading and editing

You can help at home by practising cursive handwriting and learning the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings

Maths

We are going to focus on place value and revising methods for + - x and division. This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division first

You can help at home by making sure your child can quickly recall their times table facts, number bonds to 100 (43 + 57 etc) and understand the place values of numbers up to 9<999



Curriculum Overview Year 4 – Autumn 2024 A Land of Stone and Iron

Staff Mrs. L Howarth, Miss H Whatmore, Mrs R Begum

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be using a mindfulness approach to thinking about being me in my world and celebrating difference. There will also be sessions on how understanding that everyone is unique can help with respecting others and not discriminating for any reason.

Modern Foreign Languages

Bonjour! In French we will be revising greetings and basic questions we use to get to know others. We will also be looking at different foods, colours, the name of clothing and how to describe ourselves.

P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON

We are going to be learning the skills and knowledge needed for Basketball and Football this term.

ICT

We will have a key focus on E-Safety as part of ICT. We will also be developing basic word processing skills in writing. Our external provider, Junior Jam, will deliver ICT each week using iPads covering coding, media and music

History and Geography

We will be covering two eras in history, the iron age and the stone age. Looking at what life was like in Britain during those periods and at what archaeological evidence has been left behind.

In Geography we are looking at the United Kingdom and the physical features of the island- including major rivers and cities.

Science

We will be looking at humans and other animals and how they digest food, from the different types of teeth they use to what our digestive system does with food.

We will also be looking at Humans and other animals, building on previous knowledge to look at how animals are categorised.

The Arts

In the arts we will be looking at texture and colour in our weekly art skills lessons and during art week we will be creating weaving that will use the skills we have learned.

In music we will be learning to play the drums (Bronze) and the guitar (Ochre). This is being taught by Birmingham Music Service and being supervised by school staff.

Reading

Reading will be linked to our topic (Vikings), and we will be focusing on understanding words in context, finding and retrieving information from the text and inferring actions from clues picked up throughout the piece. We will be focusing on the book Shield Maiden.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child reads their book for 15 minutes each day. Can your child read 120 words per minute?

Writing

We are going to be writing descriptive narratives developing skills in using;

- Effective similes
- Personification
- Building atmosphere by helping the reader to imagine using their senses
- Character development

You can help at home by practising cursive handwriting and reading a selection of narrative to your child.

Maths

We are going to focus on place value, four operations and fractions. We will be investigating equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Then we will look at how to solve questions by simplifying, adding, subtracting and multiplying.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child knows all of the times tables (up to 12x12) as well as the related division facts. Encourage them to log on to TT Rock Stars daily.



Curriculum Overview Year 5 – Autumn 2024 'Raiders of the North' Vikings and Anglo Saxons

Mr Bayley and Miss Bashir

RE and PSHE

This half term, we will be thinking about our dreams and goals and how we might need money to help achieve some of them. We will reflect on the types of job we would like when we are older. We will look at similarities and differences between our goals and someone from a different culture.

Modern Foreign Languages

Bonjour! In French we will be revising greetings and basic questions we use to get to know others. We will also be revising everyday nouns and verbs.

PE

MONDAY AND THURSDAY: PLEASE WEAR PE KITS

We are going to focus on Handball . Throwing, catching, positioning, understanding rules and teamwork are key!

ICT

We will have a key focus on E-Safety as part of ICT. We will deliver ICT each week using I pads covering coding, media and music.

History and Geography

In History, we will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will look at reasons why the Vikings invaded and what life was like for different people. We will look at how they shaped and influenced Britain's future.

In Geography, we will be focusing on the geography of Scandinavian countries and comparing this with the UK. We will look at physical and human geography as well as considering cultural similarities and differences.

You can also help your child to locate Scandinavian countries on a map using Google Earth.

Science

We are going to learn life cycles of plants and animals, including different mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. We will be comparing similarities and differences between these cycles.

You can help at home by observing life cycle changes in a variety of living things. For example, plants in the vegetable garden or flower border, and animals in the local environment.

The Arts

For art, we will be creating looking at drawing, building on our sketching technique and using different materials such as pencil, charcoal and chalk.

In music we will be following the Charanga teaching scheme looking at different aspects of music and how it is played. We will learn how to use our glockenspiels and will learn new songs.

Reading

Reading will be linked to our topic (WWII), and we will be focusing on understanding words in context, finding and retrieving information from the text and inferring actions from clues picked up throughout the piece. We will be focusing on the book Letters from the Lighthouse amongst other texts to prepare children for their KS2 assessments in May.

You can help at home by ensuring that you listen to your child read daily and asking questions to check they understand what they have read.

Writing

Children will be focusing on narrative writing in the form of a 'rags to riches' tale. This will involve a focus on the range of Year 6 SPAG and language features, in order that we can gauge their current understanding as a baseline to move forward from.

Mathematics

We shall be starting to investigate place value and associated topics such as rounding and estimating. This will give the children a great base to build upon for the remainder of the year.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child knows all of the times tables (up to 12x12). Encourage them to log on to TT Rock Stars and play daily.



Curriculum Overview Year 6 – Autumn 2 2024

Topic: World War Two

Staff: Miss Morton, Mr Freeman, Miss Noreen, Mr James

RE and PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be using a mindfulness approach to thinking about our dreams and goals for the future. There will also be sessions on how understanding that everyone is unique can help with respecting others and not discriminating for any reason.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue to study French by consolidating the vocabulary they learned in Y5 and extending that by incorporating phrases that can be used in various shops and settings in French speaking towns and cities.

P.E PLEASE WEAR PE KITS ON MONDAY

A SECOND PE SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FOR EMERALD AND FRIDAY FOR TEAL

PE will see Year 6 explore invasion games and the skills and strategies relating to them. They will be working with an external coach to explore these skills in the sessions.

ICT

We will be looking at Internet safety and basic computing skills during our ICT sessions, which will take place on a Friday afternoon.

History and Geography

We will be studying the causes and key elements of the conflict, with a focus on life on the 'Home Front' in Britain.

We will be linking this with human and physical geography of the war, as well as using technology to enhance our understanding of the world. Additionally, we will learn about and practice using six-figure grid references and using them to describe locations on a map.

You can help at home by watching:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i234eVT_P
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e5oygzUrs4>

Science

We shall be learning all about electricity, its uses and associated vocabulary. Embedded into this will be a focus on renewable and non-renewable energy and sustainability.

The Arts

We will be learning how to create different patterns and using a number of printing techniques relating to mudcloth patterns and African art.