

This half term Year 1 are learning about:



English

In English, the children will be learning the story, 'How Tortoise Broke his Shell'. They will identify the key parts of this story using a story mountain and understand that most stories follow a similar pattern. They will then innovate their own story of 'How Giraffe got a Long Neck' or 'How elephant got its Trunk'. The children will plan their story to include a beginning, build up, dilemma and ending. Then, they will retell their story using capital letters, finger spaces, different punctuation and using their phonics skills to segment words.

They will then move on to their final poetry topic of Year 1, learning off by heart the tongue twisters 'She Sells Seashells' and 'A Sailor went to Sea'. The children will learn why these poems are so hard to say and perform the poems in groups and individually.

Geography: Where Do I live?

In Geography, we will learn about the seven continents of the world and identify where the UK is on a map. We will then look at the four different countries that make up the UK and name their capital cities and each country's characteristics. Then, we will look closer at where we live and explore what our town is like before describing where we live using geographical terminology.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will start the half term by learning about money. They will look at naming and identifying different coins and notes by looking at their colour, shape, and size to identify them and their value. We will then move on to looking at capacity and volume. The children will look at the terms full, half full/empty, nearly full/empty, quarter full/empty and empty in different size and shaped containers. We will then move on to looking at mass. We will compare different objects using heavy/heavier and light/lighter. We will then use non-standard units of measure to measure the mass of different classroom objects and resources. Our final topic of Year 1 is space. During our space unit, we will look at position, movement, and different turns. We will be using terms such as top, bottom, right, left, near, far, and above before looking at half, full and quarter turns.

Science: Animals

In Science, the children will be learning about the body parts of different animals by naming and identifying them and how to use this to classify them. They will learn about what mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, and amphibians are and how they are similar and different. Finally, they will look at how to classify if an animal is a mammal, bird, fish, reptile, or amphibian.

D&T: Food - Apple Pops

In D&T, the children will explore different fruit and vegetables and how to identify them. We will then look at what part of plants we eat before tasting different fruit and vegetables. We will then make our own apple pop (a healthy snack) designing what toppings we put on top of our apple slice before evaluating it.

PE

In PE, Year 1 will be looking at how to use speed, accuracy, and control to use the space around them moving in different ways and in different directions such as sprinting, running, jumping, and walking. They will look at different types of jumps and how to control their jump. They will then look at throwing apparatus at a target with increasing accuracy.

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 1 include:

- accuracy
- unit of measurement
- value
- global neighbour
- continents

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Playing simple games to learn the tricky words found in their books.
- ❖ Playing counting games with numbers within 100.
- ❖ Writing simple stories with a beginning, middle and end.

RE/PSHE

Year 1 will begin the half term finishing our 'Being Sorry' topic. We will explore right and wrong choices, the Bible stories of Levi and Zacchaeus and how God can help us to say sorry and be kind to others by following his golden rules. Our final topic is 'Neighbours'. During this topic, we will recognise we have neighbours all around the world who we need to show God's love to and how we can be a kind neighbour. We will then learn the story, 'The Good Samaritan', before finally thinking about how we can be a good global neighbour and how we can live this out.

PSHE

Our Mission Circle/Circle Time themes for Pentecost 2 are as follows: piety, knowledge, understanding, wisdom and counsel. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups.

RSE

The children will continue their RSE lessons this term. We will be focusing on units within Module 2 and 3. They will learn about how to stay safe looking at physical contact, harmful substances and what to do if they see them, who can help them and how. They will then look at our relationships with the wider world by identifying their neighbours and the communities they live in.

