

This half term Year 1 are learning about:



English

In English, the children will be learning the story 'Pig the Pug' by Aaron Blabey. This is a story about a bad tempered and rude pug who never shares. The story is about how his greed backfires and something unexpected happens to him.

The children will have the opportunity to explore character motives and feelings before researching a selection of animals and going on to write their own-version narrative. Next, they will write a 'How to be a ...' guide and create this for a chosen pet.

In Guided Reading sessions, we will be learning to segment words into sounds before blending them together, recognising our tricky words, using our voices to read with expression and answering questions using what we have read. In our class Story Time, we will be reading a range of stories to excite and engage children in a love of reading.

History: Lady Jane Grey

In History, the children be learning who Lady Jane Grey was and why she was a significant individual to British History. They will learn about her life, how she became queen and her role as queen, why her reign was so short and the legacy she left behind. They will also learn how Lady Jane Grey is a significant individual to their local area and about her family home in Bradgate Park.

Mathematics



We will start the half term by learning about division. We will look at putting a predetermined amount into equal groups to find out how many groups an amount can be grouped into and then the method of sharing. We will then move onto fractions: the children will look at a half and a quarter of shapes, pictures and amounts. They will learn about numerators and denominators and understand that a half is 2 equal parts and a quarter is 4 equal parts. They will then move onto looking at numbers up to 100. They will count, read, and write numbers up to 100, use tens and ones to make numbers within 100 and use number bonds to partition numbers into tens and ones. They will then be looking at number patterns and finding one more and one less within 100. Finally, we will look at the concept of time. The children will learn how to tell the time for the hour and half past the hour. They will look at the long minute hand and the short hour hand to support them with this concept. They will then look at using 'next', 'before' and 'after' to sequence time.

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.

Art: Collage

In Art, the children will explore the work of the famous artist, Ruth Daniels. They will learn about how to create a collage using ripping, cutting, and over-lapping and practice replicating an image. We will plan, create, and evaluate a piece of artwork in the style of Ruth Daniels, based around underwater sea life animals.

PE

In PE, the children will be developing their catching, striking, and throwing skills. They will learn the different skills needed to hit and catch accurately. Then, they will learn how to send and receive objects accurately and securely before moving onto the skills used when striking and hitting within a game. They will then practice the skills learnt within a game, following simple rules.

Key Vocabulary

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

- striking
- hitting
- privacy
- collage
- holy day
- monarch

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



Year 1 will begin with their 'Holidays and Holydays' topic. During this, children will learn what a holy day is and how they are different to normal everyday days.

After this, we will spend a week learning about another faith, our focus is Islam. During this, the children will learn about who Muhammad is, how he preached kindness and why Muhammad is important for Muslim people.

Year 1 will begin their next topic 'Being Sorry' in which 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.

PSHE

In our Mission Circles/Circle Time, we will have the following weekly themes: Mercy, Faith, Vocation, Witness, Example, Communication and Pentecost. The children will discuss each key concept and reflect on how it relates to their own lives.

RSE

The children will start their RSE lessons this term. We will be focusing on units within Module 1, 'Let the children come', which focusses on God who created us and is there for us always. They will then look at Module 2 where we learn that God loves us, special people and how we can treat others well and saying sorry. Finally, we will move on to keeping ourselves safe.