

History/Geography:

In history the topic for this term is 'toys from the past'. The children will be introduced to the concepts of past and present and chronological order in relation to how they and their lives have changed since they were born. They will begin to understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and they will use primary and secondary resources such as artefacts and technology to investigate and make comparisons between toys today and those in the past. The children will learn to ask and answer questions and identify differences and similarities.

In geography, the topic for this term will be focusing on The UK and it's place in the world. We will develop our map reading skills and learning about capital cities, countries and continents..

We will study the weather alongside all other topics.

Art/Design and Technology:

We are going to be focusing on painting in our art lessons using a range of tools and techniques. We will be colour mixing and learning about primary and secondary colours.

During DT the children will learn how to assemble, join and combine different materials and components in order to make their own puppet.

Music:

We will be learning songs linked to our topics across the curriculum and in our lessons we will be using the glockenspiels to learn about pulse, melody and pitch.

Computing:

Each term we learn about the importance of e-safety alongside other topics. Our computing topic this term is 'Technology Around Us',

Other Information

Weather:

As the term progresses the weather will begin to turn colder therefore please could you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing. All uniform, including hats and scarves will need to be clearly named please.

Cooking:

During the term we will be planning opportunities for the children to participate in cooking activities. Please could you send in a £1.00 donation for cooking this term. This will be greatly appreciated.

Homework:

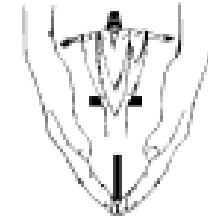
Children will have both homework books and maths CGP books to complete their homework in. We will alternate every week. A homework grid will be uploaded onto Tapestry each half term and you will be able to choose an activity to complete every other week. Maths homework will also be set every other week and the pages will be set and uploaded on Tapestry.

Spellings are also set every Friday and are available on Tapestry. These spellings link to our daily phonics lessons. If you feel that your child needs an extra challenge, please encourage them to put their spellings into sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full-stops.

Tapestry:

Each child has a username and password for 'Tapestry'. This is where homework and spellings will be uploaded weekly. You can also contact your child's teacher via Tapestry.

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Year One

Autumn Newsletter

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The following is an outline of the work that your child will be covering during the autumn term of Year 1.

English:

Reading:

We follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children are taught daily phonics and participate in group reading sessions during the week.

Children will take home a new phonics book and reading for pleasure book every week. Ebooks are also set on the Collins website, your login for this can be found in your child's reading diary.

It is important that you try and read each day with your child and log this in their new home school reading diaries. This is also the place to put any messages that you have for us.

Writing:

We follow the Johnathan Bond scheme in English. It is important for the children to work towards writing fluently and using their writing skills automatically. In the first half term we look at building the concept of a sentence and extend this into a sequence of sentences, we teach this through picture stories which link to lots of exciting books that we explore.

In the second half term., the focus is still on four part texts. However, children begin to plan and write their own stories. They become more independent with their writing and work on the vocabulary that they add into their sentences.

Maths:

The children will cover the following areas this term in maths:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Geometry (Shape)

In the first few weeks we will be focusing on 'number and place value' and 'addition and subtraction'. We will learn to read, write and sequence numbers and complete addition and subtraction problems.

Times Tables

At the end of Year 1 children are expected to have a good knowledge of 2's, 5's and the 10 times tables.

RE:

Using the school 'Come and See' Framework in RE our first unit will be 'Family' within the domestic church. The children will learn how everyone belongs to the family of God and that it is in the love of a family that most Christians first experience the reality of the church. Children will discuss and learn about love and care shown in the family and about God's love and care for every family. We will then go on to learn about the sacrament of Baptism within the unit of 'Belonging' and Advent and Christmas within the unit of 'Waiting'. The children in year one will spend a week learning about another religion during their RE lessons.

The Catholic Social Teaching Principles we will be focusing on this term are 'The Common Good' and 'The Option for the Poor'.

Our Gospel Values are; Love, Humility, Gentleness, Forgiveness, Justice, Integrity, Simplicity, Compassion and Hope. We learn about our nine Gospel Values throughout the year.

Science:

This term our main focus is 'Our Bodies and senses'.

The work in this unit develops children's understanding of the following; Our bodies; the senses, what we need to stay alive, how we are the same /different to each other and the differences between living and non living things.

Children will learn how to plan, predict and carry out a simple experiment.

PE

This term we will be focusing on gymnastics and ball skills.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Grasshoppers PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday.

Dragonflies PE lessons will be on Thursday and Friday.

PSHE/Jigsaw

Our PSHE topics for this term are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.