



YEAR 1 CURRICULUM NEWS

Summer Term 1



English

This half term we will be developing our writing skills. We will use our phonic knowledge to read and write unfamiliar real and nonsense words. We are looking at different genres of writing, including stories, instructions and character descriptions. Our reading focus will be the stories of Julia Donaldson. In our handwriting sessions we will be learning to join letters together. We will also continue our 'grammar hammer' sessions. We will learn to edit our writing, checking punctuation, letter formation and spelling of common exception words.

Maths

Our Maths Focus will be number; multiplication and division as well as fractions. We will also look at Geometry; position and direction. We will be reinforcing multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn to make equal groups, doubles and arrays. We will find halves and quarters of quantities. We will introduce the language of position/direction, learning how to complete turns.

Our topic this half term is

Build It Up!



We will be learning about...

Maps and their features, story telling (heroes and villains), word programs in ICT, pop art, Judaism and Relationships in our Jigsaw PSHE sessions

Science

Materials and shelters

Phonics

We have now covered all the individual sounds, digraphs and trigraphs as well as looking at the alternative spelling patterns in words. Please continue to practise these with your child when reading and writing. Please visit www.phonicsplay.co.uk and 'Mr Thorne Does Phonics' on YouTube, for games to practise and film clips to model blending in real and nonsense words. Practise finding digraphs in words. There are also lots of videos on the Alphablocks YouTube channel which help support the sounds we have learnt.

Reading

Please can you send in your child's book bag along with their reading folder every day. Each time your child reads with you at home, please can you write in their reading diary any positive comments along with the date and your initials. Even if your child reads a book with you from home, it is always helpful to hear about how they have done. Little and often is best to build confidence when reading. Practise blending sounds.