



Year 1 Autumn Term



31.08.23-13.10.23

30.10.23-20.12.23



Welcome Back!

I hope you had a lovely Summer and are ready for the new term. I am very excited to be your teacher again this year! Mrs Nugent will support us every morning, and Mrs Miller will support us on Monday and Friday afternoons. Due to my role as deputy head, I'll be out of class on Thursday. Mrs Mielniczek will teach on this day.

Every Tuesday, Mrs Martin will visit to teach music. We will also study music in class, building on skills learnt in Reception to read sheet music and play an instrument. Playing an instrument has multiple benefits for children and I am happy to provide free music lessons for all children in class. We have chosen recorder as the most affordable option but the basic music theory gained from playing the recorder is transferable to lots of instruments, particularly woodwind. If you would like your child to learn recorder, please provide them with a soprano recorder to support their musical journey. I would recommend the AULOS 205A which can be purchased online. Recorders should be labeled and remain in school during term time. Alternatively, if you prefer that your child not learn recorder, we can offer a percussion option during music lessons.

In Autumn term, please wear PE kit on Wednesday and Thursday. Please bring a named water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated. Make sure all clothing is clearly labelled. Children do not need a pencil case.

We will swap books on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Children reading longer texts are welcome to swap less frequently. Please do not worry if your child brings home the same book multiple times; this is a deliberate strategy to support the development of fluency and expression through reading familiar texts. Please trust us: this method is evidence based and does not mean we have forgotten to swap books! Rest assured children will have plenty of practise decoding new texts daily in class.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to message on Seesaw, or speak with me at the end of the day. I am always happy to help.

Best wishes,
Mrs Anderson

Homework

Read book and sign reading folder daily. Both must be in school EVERY DAY as children will continue to read daily. This is absolutely key to your child making good progress across the curriculum.

Optional

Spellings and mental arithmetic will be set on Friday and tested the following Friday. You may wish to practise at home.

Additional work to support your child's learning will be set on My Maths and Purple Mash platforms.





Autumn 1, curriculum overview

Toys Through Time



Literacy

Our class text is Traction Man. Examples of focus work on this text will include drama, story maps, and writing speech bubbles. Guided reading and phonics will continue daily. Handwriting will move to pre cursive writing for children starting and finishing letter formation in the correct place.

Maths

We will explore place value within 10, sort and compare, use symbols including more and fewer, order groups of objects and numbers including ordinal numbers, apply number bonds and practise recall of multiples of 2. We will have daily mental arithmetic practise and weekly 'Big Maths' tests.

Science

We'll investigate materials and discover what makes them special. We'll conduct experiments to help us sort materials according to their properties.

History

We will delve into the world of toys, explore family favorites from the early 20th century including Victorian toys, and discuss the important changes that have shaped their evolution.

Art and Design

We will learn tie dyeing techniques spiral, crumple and stripe and make a Superhero mask. We will learn how Hugo Pineda has contributed to tie dye culture.

Design and Technology

We will plan, design and make our own toy. We will evaluate existing logos and branding and create our own logos. We will create mechanisms such as levers, sliders, wheels and axles.

PE

We will learn different types of throw and catch, know why we should warm up and cool down and learn to vary speed and control when moving in different directions.

RE and RHE

We will explore the story of creation and Noah's Ark. We will reflect on the beauty of God's world and how to look after it. We will know that God created us out of love, and know that we should love ourselves.

EVENTS

1st September: Please bring an action figure/barbie/doll to school to use in our English lesson.

4th September: Please bring a toy to school to use in our history lesson.

Toy Museum

Superhero day

Art Week

Parents evening
Open classroom

Computing

We will learn to stay safe online, to log on and off, to save work and find work in folders, to add text to an image

Music

We will explore rhythm and pulse. We will revise note name and value and learn to identify notes on the staff. We will follow notes on the staff to play a simple tune.





Autumn 2, curriculum overview

Frozen World



Literacy

Our focus text will be Emperor's Egg
Examples of focus work include writing using past and present tense, in chronological order, using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions and using time adverbials.

Phonics and reading, both independent and guided, will continue daily. Handwriting will focus on pre cursive, particularly speed and fluency of pencil stroke.

Maths

We will practise addition and subtraction within 10 including comparison, use part whole models, explore fact families including number bonds, develop fluency recalling multiples of 2 including inverse division facts.

We will continue with daily mental arithmetic practise and weekly 'Big Maths' tests.

Science

We will investigate the average daylight hours across seasons. We will record rainfall, temperature and wind direction. We will collect, record, and analyse data. We will go on an Autumn walk.

Geography

Our topic will link to science, investigating the weather and learning how it affects us. We will forecast the weather and learn about dangerous weather. We will learn about continents with icy conditions.

Art and Design

We will experiment with a range of tools, mixing colour and predicting results. We will learn to create light and dark shades. We will be inspired by the work of Alma Thomas.

We will create art inspired by Diwali and Christmas.

Design and Technology

We will learn to use sliders and leavers in simple mechanisms. We will learn to adapt mechanisms. We will follow a design to create a moving model.

PE

We will create a motif and perform in cannon, learn mirror movement, adapt movement to include changes of direction, develop ideas during improvisation and combine movements in a creative way.

RE and RHE

We will revise the story of Diwali and Jesus' birth and know that Mary is our Mother. We will learn about positive relationships and how to stay safe. We will use the NSPCC resource PANTS.

EVENTS

Diwali Workshop

Autumn Walk

Theatre Visit

KS1 Nativity

Christmas Party

Computing

We will learn to safely search for images online and to represent data in pictograms.

Music

We will explore pitch and tempo. We will use voices expressively and creatively. We will read sheet music to perform a simple melody.

