

Mathematics

In this half term, we begin our multiplication and division unit where we will learn how to create arrays and use these to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will then use this knowledge to make equal groups through sharing (division.) In our measure lessons, we will be learning about money. This will include coin recognition and values before learning to add coins. After half-term, we will look at time. We will cover - What is before and after? What are the days of the week, months and seasons? Learning the time on an analogue clock to the hour and half-past the hour.

RE & PSHE

In RE, we will be learning some stories from the Bible and the messages that they can teach us. We will also introduce Islam and compare some similarities between how Christians, Jews and Muslims live their lives. In PSHE we will discuss the relationships we have at home and in our communities and how we have grown and changed in Year 1 in preparation for moving onto Year 2.

Physical Education

We will begin our term with a two-week intensive swimming program- how exciting! Please ensure your child has a full swimming kit Monday- Friday for the first 2 weeks. In PE with Mr Gibbs and Mrs Haines, we will continue to develop co-ordination, balance and agility and how we use these in sports day events. There will be a focus on jumping, throwing and running. Alongside this, we will look at the social aspects of team sports, great teamwork and how all children can thrive in competitive events.

English

In English this half term, we will be focussing heavily on our phonics knowledge and understanding. We will be covering the final few alternative sounds in Phase 5 and then begin to read real and 'fake' words. We will play lots of games and complete activities to ensure we have a secure understanding of these before moving on to our new sounds. This will help with our preparation for the upcoming Phonics Screening Check in June. In addition to this, we will complete a short unit of work on the story, "Camille and the Sunflowers." Our focus will be on accurate sentence writing including a variety of punctuation and tricky words. Weekly spelling tests will be sent home and tested on the following Friday. Spellings are set dependant upon each child's recognition of the common exception words for Year 1 and 2.

Science

In science, we will be studying the topic of 'Flowering Plants.' We will learn how to name the petals, stem, leaf and root of a plant and describe how they help the flower to survive and grow. We will design our own garden landscapes and identify a range of common plants and trees. We can't wait to plant our very own sunflowers linked to our Harmony Project!

Computing

In computing, we will be looking at how to improve our mouse skills on the Chrome Books and accuracy on the iPads. We will learn how to navigate around an art app on the computer and use it to, move, drop, click and to create digital art. Keep an eye out on Facebook for these!

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Half Term 1- Roots, Shoots and Sunflowers!

History & Geography

We will be learning about Kings and Queens of the UK, delving into the royal families recent family tree and beginning to understand their role as a monarch. Also, King Charles' role in the Harmony Project.

Harmony

As part of our school's Harmony Project, we will be delving into the principle of 'Interdependence,' and how this presents in nature. We will be linking this to a sunflower growing project. Who will grow the tallest flower?



Art and Design

We will be learning about Vincent van Gogh and why he is such a famous artist. We will discuss what we like and dislike about his colour choices. We will draw, paint and create our very own sunflowers and gardens for our outside roleplay.

Design Technology

This will be covered in a unit block next half term.

Music

In music, we will extend our knowledge on how to follow a beat using our bodies and musical instruments. We can't wait to invent and perform new rhythms to a steady beat at the end of this unit! Additionally, we will enjoy learning a special song to commemorate VE day with the rest of KS1.

How you can help

Please read with your child on a regular basis- this can be a schoolbook or one from home. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please practise the weekly spellings activities that are set for your child. Mrs Bloore will be running Phonics Screening sessions for parents during this half term, so please sing up. Thank you for your continued support!