

Religious Education

During this term we will be exploring 'Creation'; we will develop an appreciation of ourselves and the world around us, as part of God's creation. We will also deepen our understanding of prayer through the unit on 'Prayer, Saints and Feasts'. During Advent, we will learn about the preparations we make for Christmas.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on number and developing our mathematical vocabulary related to addition and subtraction. We will work on recognising, ordering and adding coins. We are looking forward to taking part in a shape hunt around the school to find out more about 2D and 3D shapes.

Geography

We will learn about and explore our school and the local area through a range of interesting activities.

Later on in the term, we will take a walk around Brook Green and will be looking for volunteers to accompany us!

Children wondered:

- What toys did my parents play with?
- What type of plants grow in our local area?
- Why do computers have passwords?

English

Our English work will be based on stories with familiar settings. We will also be exploring poems on the theme 'Using our Senses'.

We will continue to practise and extend our knowledge of letter sounds, which will support our reading and writing skills. We will also be focusing on developing our handwriting and the presentation of our work.

P.E

In outdoor PE we will develop our game skills, such as throwing and catching, fielding and striking.

In indoor PE we will focus on exploring basic body movements and using different parts of our body to make movements through dance.

In addition, we will play in the outside classroom every day to encourage the development of both gross and fine motor skills.

Year 1

Art, DT & Music

Mrs. Teverson will teach us music twice each week; the focus for this term is exploring sounds and identifying the beat in music. In Art with Mrs. Rauh, we will be looking at the colours of Autumn, printing leaves and making 'leaf animals'. We are sure that we will produce some amazing pieces of creative work during these lessons to bring home to you at the end of the year!

Our DT project will be to make a moving picture and evaluate our efforts. Our moving picture will be linked to the stories we are reading in Literacy.

Computing

This term, our focus will be Digital Literacy. We will learn about how to stay safe on the Internet and we will find out about our 'digital footprint', through the cartoon characters Lee and Kim.

Throughout the year, we will develop our mouse control and keyboard skills, as we access the many educational games and activities we have available. We will also practise using text and pictures in simple programs, to support our learning across the curriculum.

How can you help at home?

- Read every day with your child
- Visit your local library and read a range of stories and poems together
- Practise counting forward and backwards to 100
- Make sure your child is forming their letters and numbers correctly

History

'Toys from the Past' is our first History topic, which we start after half term. We will be asking you to search your lofts and basements for any toys from the past that we can bring in to talk about!

Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Plants', which will be linked to our Geography topic 'Our Local Area'. We try to learn in a cross curricular way as much as possible.

After half term we will be working on 'Animals and Humans' and we will be given opportunities to take part in some practical investigations in and out of the classroom.