

Once Upon a Time



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER YEAR 1: AUTUMN TERM 2ND HALF

This newsletter is designed to give parents and carers a taste of the coming topic for Year 1. We have detailed below the main themes that we hope to cover, although there may be changes to respond to the children's ideas and interests. Some subjects will have a greater share of time depending on the topic but we ensure that there is a balance over the year. We hope you find this newsletter useful!

STIMULUS: The Jolly Postman book and Hansel and Gretel story

Annual Events: Operation Christmas Child, Remembrance Assembly, Parents' Evening, Christmas events.
(Please see the school website for dates).

LITERACY:

In fiction we will be covering a lot of traditional fairy tales and writing story based on Hansel and Gretel. In non fiction we will be looking at instructions. We will also listen to poetry linked to the theme of winter.

MATHEMATICS:

We will be counting to 100, learning our number bonds to 10, exploring one more/one less and finding out about 2D shape and fractions. Basic mathematics teaching follows the National Curriculum.

HISTORY:

We will learn about changes within living memory, particularly relating to old and new toys. We would like to find out what our parents and grandparents played with as children.

ART:

In painting we will continue to focus on colours and colour mixing. We will be making collages of castles and printing snowflake designs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

We follow the Essex agreed syllabus for RE. The theme is 'Special Words and Stories'.

Year 1 will find out about Bibles and explore the festival of Christmas as well as visit the church for special assemblies.

SCIENCE:

The key skills are identifying materials. We will be focusing on naming and grouping materials. We will also be talking about the seasonal changes we can see.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:

We will explore mechanisms such as split pins, sliders and levers to make the gingerbread man. We will also design and make a Rapunzel tower!

MUSIC:

We will be exploring the different elements of music, learning topic related songs and listening to music as a stimulus for dance, drama and for musical appreciation. We will also be learning songs for our Christmas production.

PSHE:

We are following units of work based around understanding our emotions (happy, sad and angry). Elements of staying healthy are routinely covered in PE and in some Science units.

PE:

Gymnastics floor work and dance are the main units. We follow the Essex PE scheme for this.

COMPUTING:

Keyboard skills will be taught and we will be learning how to open, copy and paste. We will use programmable toys such as Beebots. We will also be using ICT across the curriculum.

In some subjects we follow separate schemes of work which are not always linked to the topic. (reading, spelling, handwriting, grammar and mathematics). Some subjects are blocked and taught during a particular half term so that we can study them in more in depth with the children.

Don't forget you can help at home with daily reading, playing maths games and using the 'Espresso' and 'Oxford Owl' websites. There will also be some new Number Bonds Homework coming soon!