Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2

Science: What are materials?

Children will be introduced to the names and properties of a range of materials. They will learn the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. They will then be given a range of materials which they need to sort in different ways according to their properties.



Maths:

- Number: Addition and Subtraction (Within 10)
- Geometry: Shape
- Number: Place Value (Within 20)





English:

Some of our texts for this half term will be:

- Funnybones
- Visual Literacy - Lily and the Snowman

Our teaching will focus on a 'Talk for Writing' approach whereby the children will learn to story map the key events and then learn to orally recall the story using actions they have learnt.

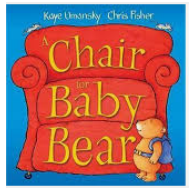


Read, write, Inc

Children will continue to work in groups at their level, focusing on learning to read and write sounds and red words (Tricky words).

Design Technology: What is the best way to keep our structures stable?

Children will be introduced to this unit through the hook of baby bear needing a new chair designed and made for him. The children will develop their technical knowledge of how to make structures stable before being asked to design a chair according to the criteria provided by baby bear. They will then make their chair using a range of materials, evaluating what is and isn't working as they do so.





RE: How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?

This unit enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about Christmas and Eid-ul- Fitr. Through art, drama and music the significance of these celebrations to believers are explored focussing on story, symbol and particular celebrations.



PSHE: What can we do with money?

In this unit the children will learn that money comes in different forms and learn about some ways it can be obtained. They will learn the difference between needs and wants and how people decide what to do with their money. Finally they will learn how to keep their money safe and how there are different ways of doing this.

Home Learning

Reading: Children will be continuing to learn to read with Read, Write, Inc. They will bring home a Read, Write, Inc reading book every 3-5 days to practise their reading skills at home. Please remember, these are texts that the children have already read at school and should feel confident with when showing off their reading skills to you at home! They may also bring home an 'I am for sharing' book which is for you to enjoy and read together as the children may not be able to read them independently yet. Children will also bring home a list of spellings to practise at home. These are 'red words' meaning they cannot be sounded out.

Maths: Children can be practising some key skills at home such as counting to at least 20, forwards and back from any given number and adding and subtracting everyday objects you have at home. They can also practise counting in 2s - 2, 4, 6, 8, etc and recalling number bonds to 10. They should be practising their number formation to ensure numbers aren't written backwards.

We would love to know if:

- you have any relevant skills or experience you could share with us
- you have any resources/books linked to any of our topics