

Science

In Science the children will plant and grow Sunflower seeds, thinking about how seeds grow. They will also visit Wardown Park to explore different plants and trees. Children will find out how to identify and name plants and trees within their environment using a classification chart. By the end of our topic, children should be able to name different plants and trees by looking at their leaves and petals. We are also focusing on how we can lead a healthier lifestyle. We will think about the healthy food plate and a balanced diet along with exercise and the need for plenty of sleep. During RHE the children will explore personal hygiene, growing and changing and families.

The Arts and Computing (Art, DT, Music and Computing)

In Computing we will be exploring different types of technology in our environment. The children will think about how the technology is used safely. The children will also use Purple Mash to explore data handling through pictograms. During Art the children will look at work from a famous artist called Henri Matisse who is famous for his use of colour. The children will have the chance to create their own fruit bowl made out of clay inspired by Matisse's fruit art work. They will design their idea, use clay to mould the shape of the bowl then paint it the correct colour of the fruit. During Music the children will be exploring storytelling through music.

Humanities (Geography, History and RE)

In RE the children will be exploring the natural world and how different religions explain the creation of the earth. The children will learn about wonders of the world and the story of Noah's Ark from the Bible. In History we will be exploring Queen Elizabeth II and her life. The children will be learning the skill of using a timeline to plot historical events starting with her birth and early childhood through to her coronation.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 1. We can't believe how quickly this year has gone. We hope that you all had a restful half term and enjoyed the sunshine. This half term the children in Year 1 will be working on the topic 'Growth'. During the topic your child will be thinking about things which grow including plants, trees and humans. The children will also be taking part in the Phonic Screening Check during week 2. This half term the children will be taking part in the RHE lessons. More details of these lessons can be found on the school website and the medium term overview.



Homework

We will continue to set Learning Log and Maths homework on Google Classroom each Friday. Here is a list of our Learning Log homework. If you are unsure about any of the homework challenges please use the class email address to discuss this with the class teacher.

Week 1: In History this half term we are learning about Elizabeth II and plotting her life on a timeline. Can you create a timeline of your life so far? Think about when you were born, any significant events that have happened such as birth of brothers and sisters, starting nursery and school or even holidays you have had.
Week 2: Think about the trees and plants we saw at school. How can you describe trees and plants you have seen in your local environment?
Week 3: How can you create a garden setting? Use Purple Mash
Week 4: Show me what you know about the value of Friendship.
Week 5: Share what you have enjoyed about Year 1?
Week 6: Share what you are looking forward to when you move to Year 2.
Week 7: Final week- No homework
Maths homework will be linked to that week's learning.

English

In English the children will be exploring the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children will be changing the ending of the story and exploring different objects that Jack could take from the Giant to make his fortune. The children will then be learning to write simple instructions. They will be using their knowledge of growing beans in our Science lesson to write instructions for planting seeds. We will end the year reading and learning the poem 'When I Grow Up.' The children will work collaboratively to create a new version of the poem thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up.

Reading continues to be a big priority in school and we would like to encourage children to read at home regularly. Please share the child's library book with them as well as their home reading book.

Maths

In Maths the children will consolidate their understanding of numbers within 50 and extend to 100. They will also consolidate their knowledge of counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Helping your child to count at home will help them to apply this knowledge in school. The children will also work on place value for numbers up to 100, understanding the number of tens and ones in a number and ordering numbers using this understanding. The children will end the year learning about time and focussing on reading 'o'clock' and 'half past' on an analogue clock.

We will continue to work on addition and subtraction calculations. Children will think about how to apply their knowledge to solve missing number calculations and word problems.