

A note from Miss Foster

Hello everyone! Year 1 have settled into their new class wonderfully and are working extremely hard each day. The children's positive attitude and enthusiasm towards their learning is amazing to see and I am excited for the year ahead. Thank you for your continued help and support with your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

English

In year 1, we will be starting our term focusing on books by the same author. We will be exploring a range of books written by Mini Grey, starting with Traction Man. We will be retelling the story in different ways, writing labels and captions about the characters and the setting, and finally writing our own retells of Traction Man.

We are reading...

We will also be reading 'The Twits' as our class read.

Maths

In maths we will be starting the autumn term focusing on place value. We will use practical equipment to represent numbers in different ways, count forwards and backwards within 20, find 1 more and 1 less and compare numbers. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction in Autumn 2. Finally finishing the term focusing on shape. Children will name and sort 2D and 3D shapes.

Note to parents:
Children will bring home a username and password to access 'Numbots' this half term. Children can use Numbots to practice their maths skills.

Science

Our autumn topic is focused on animals, including humans.

'Why are humans not like animals?'
Children will identify and label parts of the body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Identify and name common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals. Also name a variety of animals that are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Geography

This term we will be exploring different ways we map the world. Focusing on globes, maps, satellites and compasses. Using these the children will identify the North Pole, South Pole, axis, equator, northern hemisphere, and southern hemisphere. The children will also use an atlas to find the: United Kingdom, five oceans, seven continents and location of the school. Children will also be exploring the continents and oceans. Labelling these on a map and ordering the largest to the smallest. Also the children will be exploring the four countries making up the UK.

History

The Gunpowder Plot

Children will begin history this term focusing on the key events from the gunpowder plot and why it was such a significant part of history. They will also explore how this is remembered today.

Black Plague

Children will learn about how the disease spread and its devastating effects on society. Children will also explore how it spread so quickly and how it ended.

Jethro Tull

Children will also focus on Jethro Tull and his invention of the seed drill. Children will understand how this invention benefited farming.

Other curriculum information:

- **Skills Builder:** This term, children will be focusing on improving our listening and team working skills. We will start on step 1 and build up to step 3.
- **Art/DT:** In art this term we will be focusing on self-portraits and building on our skills of sculpture using clay. In DT, we will be designing and constructing Christmas stockings.
- **Computing:** This term there is a focus on recognising the different parts of computer and improving the children's mouse skills.
- **PSHE:** We will develop our knowledge of our relationships focused on feelings in PSHE. In our anti-bullying lessons, we will take a look how to use the internet safely.
- **PE:** Invasion games are the focus for PE for this term! We will be focusing on basketball. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kits every **Friday**.
- **Music:** Music lessons this term focus on songs about Harvest.

Other information:

Homework and spellings

Children should try to complete the optional homework sent out fortnightly. Activities set will be linked to work taught in class! Spelling will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These will also be given out fortnightly.

Home Reading

Please make sure you listen to your child read at least three times per week. Reading records will be monitored and reading books will be changed on

Fridays.