

Literacy –

In literacy, we will be starting the year by looking at Traditional and Fairy tales and using story making to help us learn the story of The Three Little pigs. We will learn the traditional story and then make adaptations and begin to write our own whizzy versions! After this we will move onto a non-fiction unit of work based on writing instructions which will tie in with our work on Brunel as we will be designing and making our own bridges. We then move onto a poetry unit based on using our senses and in the lead up to Christmas we will return to story work based on The Jolly Christmas Postman.

Phonics: We will be using the ‘Sounds Write’ programme for daily phonics sessions. This will build on the children’s phonic knowledge and practise blending, segmenting and sound manipulation.



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Welcome to Year 1! The whole team are really looking forward to the year ahead!

Mrs Shore and Miss Froggatt will share the teaching of the class with the support of Mrs Hunt and Mrs Dixon.

Our main topic for Terms 1 and 2 is a history based one and we will be learning all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Florence Nightingale. We will find out lots about them by undertaking a range of activities across lots of different subjects and we will become excellent historians!

Class Information:

Reading: The children will have a designated reading day which will remain the same over the two terms. On this day each week they will read to an adult in the class and change their reading books. They will bring home two new books each week. We will continue to use the yellow reading record books that the children started in Reception. Please can the children have their reading books in school every day as there will be further opportunities for additional reading sessions.

Spellings: These will begin at the start of Term 2 and more information will be given at this time.

Homework: This will start in Term 3 (after Christmas) and more information will be given at this time.

How you can help: Please read with your child as often as possible (daily if manageable) Just 10 minutes at a time will really help build the children’s confidence.

Counting forwards and backwards to 100 and encouraging the children to tell you 1 more and 1 less than a number will also greatly support the children’s numeracy work.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, feel free to contact us at the start or end of the school day.

Science –

In our Science work we are going to become experts in looking at, describing and investigating different materials. We will link this to which materials were chosen to make the houses in ‘The Three Little Pigs’ story and why. We will group and label different materials and find out which ones are magnetic.

We will then move onto carrying out experiments to find out how different materials can change form and decide upon which materials make the best umbrellas and Christmas wrapping paper.



Numeracy –

In maths we will be practising counting up to and back from 100. We will find 1 more and 1 less than numbers and identify and represent numbers using objects and pictures. We will work on how to represent and use number bonds up to 10 and 20 and learn how to recognise the place value of each digit in two digit numbers. We will move onto adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers and work on solving missing number problems. We will also learn how to double and halve numbers. In our shape work we will learn how to name and describe 2d and 3d shapes using the correct mathematical language and we will measure and record lengths and heights.



PE –

PE days will be Mondays and Thursdays but please can the children have their PE kits in school every day. In Term 1 we will explore fundamental skills including balancing, running, jumping, skipping and ball skills through fun games and exercises! In Term 2 we will practice our general fitness as well as dance and continue to think about key skills such as perseverance and team work.

DT and art –

In DT, Year 1 will be investigating, designing and making their own bridges just like Brunel!

We will look at different types of bridges, use different materials to investigate which ones are strongest and draw designs or our own before we finally construct them! We will then evaluate our finished bridges to see if there are any changes or adaptations we would like to make.

In art we will create firework pictures and then undertake a unit of work linked to Victorians and based on drawing and painting self portraits and portraits of Brunel and Florence Nightingale. We then end term 2 with lots of Christmas art!



Religious Education –

We will be starting the year looking at the story of Creation and learning about how God made the World through art, dance and drama as well as through written activities.

In Term 2 we will move onto a unit based on Christmas and the children will learn about why Christmas is such a special time of year for Christians and how it is celebrated.

Information technology –

In Information Technology we will be exploring internet safety with the help of our cartoon friend, Hector.

We will also have lots of fun learning how to programme and write algorithms to make Bee-Bots (small robots) move around!



Music -

In music we will be exploring pulse, rhythm, pitch and rap. The unit is focused Hey You – a Hip Hop song for children. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, we'll listen to and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes!



History and geography -

In Term 1 we will be learning all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and why he is famous! We will look at what life was like in Victorian times and study the railways, bridges and ships that Brunel created. We will learn why he is still famous today and create our own mini books about him.

In Term 2 we will learn about the life of another famous Victorian – Florence Nightingale. We will find out why she was called 'The Lady with the Lamp' and what impact her actions made on the World today.

PSHE-

In Term 1 we will be exploring what makes a happy school through fun filled games, stories, discussions and role plays! We'll look at how we can feel safe and happy in our class as well as exploring how we are all the same, yet different and all special.

In Term 2 we'll focus on safety and how we can keep ourselves safe. We'll learn who about the people who help keep us safe as well as how we can stay safe on near roads, fire and fireworks.

