

Year 1 Spring One Term

English

In Writing this half term, we will be exploring repeated phrase patterns as part of our fiction unit. We will be using stories containing an African setting as a focus.

The focus of our non-fiction unit will be nocturnal animals, for which we will be creating a non-chronological report to inform our audience.

For our Poetry unit, we will be creating a five senses-themed poem for our audience.

We are reading...



We will be continuing to learn new Phase 5 GPC's and tricky words using Little Wandle phonics. Please use the phonics flashcards sent home to help your child practice their sounds. We will continue to develop fluency through our Guided Reading sessions and the above books will be our class readers this half term.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be building on our knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction. This time, we will be looking at numbers within 20. We will also begin looking at place value within 50 towards the end of the half term so please help your child build confidence in this by practising counting up to 100 and back with them!

Science

In Science, we will be looking at everyday materials. We will be using familiar objects and thinking about the materials they are made from, such as metal, plastic, rubber, fabric. Using our senses, we will be exploring their properties and learning new vocabulary that we can use to describe these different materials.

Art

In Art this half term, we will be colour splashing! Using the work of artists such as Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns, we will be exploring painting and mixed media. We will be using printing to explore how we can make patterns and we will be colour mixing, focusing on more specific vocabulary such as hue, blend and shade.



Geography

Our Geography focus this half term will be continuing to think about the question 'where do I live?' and using maps on a wider scale. We will be thinking about Fernhurst as a town in England, and extending our study out wider to the other countries of Britain and the United Kingdom, as well as their capital cities. We will use maps to explore these places and learn more deeply about them.

PE

In PE this half term, we will be developing our gross motor skills through ball skills and target games. Pupils will be throwing, catching, rolling and dribbling with both hands and feet in ball skills on a **Thursday**. In Target Games on a **Friday**, pupils will develop an understanding of aiming for a target and how to defend or attack this target. Pupils will also explore using underarm and overarm throwing.

Music

In Music each week, we will be using our bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of classical music that represent animals. We will be learning and performing a song as a class and composing a short section of music as a group, with a focus on dynamics and tempo.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will be thinking about jealousy and how this can appear in our everyday interactions. We will be considering how this would feel and how it reflects on others.

In RE, our concept will be change, with a specific focus on the people who met Jesus and how he brought about change in their lives.

Computing

In Computing, we will be linking our learning to our art topic and exploring digital painting. We will be looking at what digital tools we can use to create painted pictures. We will be evaluating the similarities and differences between practical painting and creating art on the computer.

Dates

2nd Jan – INSET day
3rd Jan – First day back at school
5th Jan – Family Read
8th Jan – Science Explorer Workshop
8th Jan – Starry Night Explore Dome
5th Feb – Open Classroom event 2:30
9th Feb – Celebration Assembly
12th – 16th Feb – Half Term