

English

This half-term, our core reading text will be 'Not Now Bernard'.

We will be focusing on basic writing skills to ensure we are using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly.

Once we have mastered these fundamental writing skills, we will be writing a character description about a monster, using lots of exciting adjectives.

Maths

This half term we will be learning:

Numbers to 10:

Count, represent, compare and order numbers within 10

One more and one less within 10

Doubling and halving within 10

Addition and subtraction within 10:

Represent and explain addition and subtraction

Commutativity

Addition and subtraction facts

Shapes and Pattern:

Identify, describe, sort and classify 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Investigate repeating patterns.

Use and follow instructional and positional language.

Music

In music we will introduce the children to the musical concept of the beat/pulse (the steady heartbeat of music), through marching and moving to music. At first, they explore this through listening to the piece Rondo alla Turca written by Mozart for the piano. The children will discover that the beat or pulse music can move at different speeds, by listening to different versions of the piece and explore how this can affect the way we feel.

Art

In Art, we will be learning about colour. We will be investigating primary colours, tints and shades and warm and cold colours. We will be exploring Claude Monet. Finally, we will produce a painting of a storm.

Design and Technology

In DT, we will be learning about the principles of nutrition and healthy eating. We will be investigating recipes, making tasty dips and vegetables. Using skills such as chopping, mashing and mixing. Finally, we will be tasting and evaluating our creations.

Science

In Science, Year 1 children are learning about the human body and our five senses. They will investigate how our senses protect us from danger and how they help us to understand the world around us. Finally, our children will study sensory impairment and specifically the life of Helen Keller.

Geography

Our Geography unit is Spatial Sense. We will be learning all about maps. The children will be introduced to aerial views. They will find out how symbols are used on maps and how a key can tell us what the symbols mean. We will also be looking at a four-point compass.

PE

In PE, pupils will explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using low apparatus. They will be taught basic skills of jumping, rolling, balancing and travelling. Children are given opportunities to select their own actions to build short sequences and

I.C.T.

In I.C.T. children will be learning how to log on to and off from a laptop. They will be developing their mouse skills and will explore both on-line safety and our 'Purple Mash' Scheme of Work.

RE

In R.E., this half-term children in Year 1 will learn about the principal religions represented in Great Britain today. They will be introduced to Humanism and will discover how and why people around the world celebrate the festivals of Harvest and Diwali.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E., our children will consider the importance of rules and agree their own class rules. They will explore different feelings and consider how these might make them behave. They will think about the qualities of friendship, and how conflict situations might be avoided / resolved.

We have had a wonderful start to the term in Year 1 and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

The teaching staff in Year 1 are: 1F – Mrs Freeth and 1V – Mrs Vernals. The Teaching assistants are: Mrs Abramowicz and Mrs Howell. Mrs Basrai also teaches in 1F on a Thursday.

Important Dates:

Our P.E. lessons take place each Wednesday. Please ensure all P.E. kits are in school this day and that earrings are taken out.

Special Request:

Please could you label your children's coats, cardigans, jumpers so that 'lost property' can be avoided wherever possible.