

English

The topic this term is 'Once upon a time'. Children will be reading various fairy tales and learning to answer questions about the text. We will be writing instructions, a story retell and learning to use punctuation in our writing. We will continue learning how to spell common exception words and use them in our writing. It is also important for the children to form letters correctly, so handwriting lessons will continue taking place weekly.



Mathematics

In maths the children will continue doing lots of number work and will continue to practise their counting skills. The children should continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also begin looking at shapes and statistics. We will start the half term by recapping what we have done and then by looking at the properties of 2D shapes and 3D shapes as well as tally charts.



Science

To start with the children will learn about animal groupings. They will have the opportunity to perform simple tests and observations. We will be learning about the weather and seasonal changes. The children will investigate how day length varies throughout the year.



Physical Education

This half term the children will be learning basic gymnastic skills. Some of these include, travelling, rolling, jumping and staying still. This will help develop their balancing and sequence skills. They will also develop their agility and coordination each week by building on previous skills.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,
In Year One the children are beginning to learn how to become independent and confident learners. This newsletter will give you an idea of all the different things that we will be doing this half term.

A few reminders:

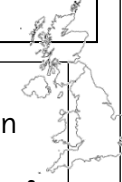
- Please ensure children bring reading books to school every day.
- Please listen to your child read and write a short comment in the reading record. Also, ask your child questions from the book as this will help with their understanding.
- P.E. will remain on a Tuesday this half term. Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit that includes a shirt, pants or shorts and either pumps or trainers. Please name.
- Children will continue to receive spellings every week. Please help your child to learn these as we will be having a test every Thursday. The number of spellings may begin to vary.
- The knowledge organisers sent home with this letter are to allow the children to learn facts at home alongside what they learn in school. These can be referred back to throughout the half term.
- In maths it is important that the children learn basic number skills. If you could practise counting forwards, backwards to 100, counting on using fingers and writing numbers to 50 with your child this will really help them to progress through the half term.

Thank you,
Mrs Ward, Mrs Mines and Mrs Strudwick



History and Geography

In History this half term the children will learn about what life was like when our Grandparents were children. We will be comparing, shops, toys and school in the past and how they have changed over time. The children will have the opportunity to compare pictures and experiences of those from the past to how they live now.



Art / Design & Technology

In Art the children will be explore the work of Paul Klee. They will have the opportunity to develop their skills by creating line drawings of different objects based on his work.



Religious Education

In R.E, the children this term will be learning about Christianity. Through discussion and activities, we will learn about the religion, different rules, tolerance and respect of different religions. We will also be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas.



PSHE

In PSHE, children will have the chance to discuss feelings and emotions on how something can make us and others feel. We will discuss rules for keeping safe both at home and at school and who we can go to if we feel unsafe.



Computing

In computing, children will learn to use more of Purple Mash. We will be exploring Pictograms, which will also link to Statistics and Lego Builders which will allow them to learn about algorithms and instructions.