

English

In our English lessons, we will begin by writing a recount of our recent trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle. As well as a continued focus on punctuation of simple sentences, children will learn to edit and improve sentences using simple descriptive language. They will also learn to join two independent clauses using coordinating conjunctions. Later in the term our writing topics will be linked to texts about growing, the outdoors and the seaside!

Children will continue to have a daily phonics session and a daily guided reading session. They will learn new sounds and revisit old sounds, will practise decoding texts and develop fluency and comprehension. These texts will then be sent home each Friday for you to practise at home to further develop fluency. During the week beginning 9th June, children will complete the statutory Phonics Screening Check in school.

Science

Plants – During this unit of work, children will learn about different wild and common plants and label their basic features. They will look for wild plants in their local area and discuss plants that we can eat. Children will then look at trees and their basic features. They will look at the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. Children will plant a seed in and keep a diary to show how their plant grows and changes.

Seasonal Changes – Children will continue their learning about the four different seasons. This topic will be revisited throughout the year in the appropriate season so children can observe the season first hand. We will particularly look at the changes from Spring to Summer.

Computing

In the summer term we will complete two computing units. The first unit will be about 'Routes', followed by a second unit about 'Programming'.

Dates for your diary...

Thurs 15th May – Parent Share Event – Phonics focus – 2.30 to 3.25pm
Week beginning 19th May – Library visit (exact date to be confirmed)
Week beginning 9th June – Phonics Screening Check
Tues 1st July – Visit to Local Church – St James the Great
Monday 14th July – Parent Share Event – Geography focus – a letter will be shared later in the term
Continue to wear PE kits on Wednesdays.
Please see the Red Hall Newsletter for whole school events.

Homework

Spelling logs, Monster Phonics reading books and library books will be sent home each Friday for children to practise. Please ensure that these are returned each Friday. Please also continue to practise Maths skills using Numbots.

Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter Year 1

A very warm welcome back to you all!

Our year 1 team:

Mr Farley, Mrs Ashworth, Mrs Williams, Mrs Beddow, Mrs Sidaway,
Ms Teitge, Miss Sweeney, Miss Mahmood

History & Geography

Our History work this term will focus on Local History. We will use the knowledge gained from our recent trip to focus more on the history of Dudley Castle. Our Geography work this term will focus on fieldwork. We will be exploring our local area, and identifying some of the features of where we live. We will particularly focus on the parks close to where we live.

Art

In this unit children will learn about monochromatic art, using drawing skills. Children will learn about using a pencil to create lines, shapes, and values. They will develop some drawing skills that will start their primary school journey to becoming proficient as drawers. They will learn about the work of various artists and consider the different purposes that drawing can have.

Maths

In maths this term we will begin with multiplication and division, using our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us. We will also learn about fractions, focusing on finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. Once this has been mastered, we will begin to learn about place value to 100!

The children will begin to focus on some more of the measurement aspects of maths, learning specifically about money and time. We will also cover a geometry unit about position and direction.

Useful Websites:

Numbots (this is already in operation – if you require new login details please see Mr Farley)

Hit the button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

P.E.

In PE this term children will continue to focus on outdoor athletics activities. The skills they have learnt will then feed into our Sports Day later in the term!

Music

Children will learn about pitch and musical symbols. They will identify and make high and low notes and compose a simple tune. They will then combine all the musical skills learnt this year in the final unit, incorporating instrument, vocal and body sounds.

P.S.H.E.

Children will be learning about families and friendships. They will then learn about safe relationships, focusing on who they can seek help from and what it means to keep things private (including body parts). Finally, they will learn about how to respect themselves and others.

RE

Our RE work this term focuses on the idea of 'belonging' in relation to both ourselves and the different world religions. There will then be a particular focus on stories and customs from Christianity.