

## English

In our English lessons, we will begin by learning the skills needed to write a character description, before moving on to completing simple, repetitive narratives. All of our learning will link to fairytales such as Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and The Gingerbread Man. As well as a continued focus on punctuation of simple sentences, children will learn to modify nouns using simple descriptive language. They will also learn to join two independent clauses using the word 'and'.

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.

## Science

**Materials** - During this unit of work, children will learn about different materials and be able to identify objects made from different materials. They will be able to identify the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. Children will group and sort different materials based on their properties. They will also have the opportunity to investigate different materials to see which material would be best to make certain items. **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 Winter to Spring.

## Computing

In addition to our PHSE unit about keeping safe online, children will continue to explore the basic features of tablet use. These include word processing and the use of different apps and programs.

## Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

### Year 1

A very warm welcome back to you all!

Dates for your diary...

6/2/25 Parent Share Event - Maths focus - 2.30 to 3.20pm

Visit to St James Church - Date to be confirmed!

14/4/25 Dudley Zoo and Castle Visit - Details to be sent out in due course

Please see the Red Hall Newsletter for whole school events.

## Homework

Spelling logs and reading books will continue to be sent home each Friday for children to practise throughout the week.

Please ensure that these are returned

## Cost of events

At the start of the Summer term, 14<sup>th</sup> April, will be our trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle which will have a cost attached to it. We will communicate this to you separately as soon as we are able to.

As it stands, we have not planned any trips or visits with any additional costs for the Spring term. In the unlikely event that this changes we will give you as much notice as possible.

## History & Geography

We will begin by focusing on History. The children will learn about two significant people from History - Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. The children will learn about their lives and how they helped to improve hospitals. Later in the term, we will focus on where kings and queens have lived through time. The children will explore castles and will link this learning to our writing activities in English. Our topic will have a fantastic ending, with a visit to Dudley Zoo and 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

Children will learn about chromatic art and will explore whether abstract art means anything. They will then create their own artwork with this theme.

## Maths

In maths this term we will begin by covering place value with numbers to 20, before moving onto addition and subtraction within 20. We will use a concrete, pictorial, abstract approach which involves children using resources and manipulatives to support their learning initially, before they then start to solve calculations independently. Once this has been mastered, we will begin to learn about place value to 50!

Following this learning, the children will begin to focus on the measurement aspect of maths. They will learn about length and height, following by learning about mass and volume

## 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/mathsgames/hit-the-button>

**P.E.:** In PE this term children will continue to focus on gymnastics skills initially, learning to apply their skills to short routines. Later in the term the children will explore a range of indoor athletics activities.

**Music:** Children will learn about sound patterns and pitch. They will explore clapping along to repeated words and phrases, creating rhythmic patterns and identifying high and low notes.

**P.S.H.E.:** Children will be learning about physical and mental health and wellbeing. They will then learn about growing and changing, focusing on what makes them unique and how they can manage worries. Finally, they will learn about how to keep safe online.

**RE:** Our RE work this term focuses on special books in relation to both ourselves and the different world religions. There will be a particular focus on the Christian and Jewish holy books.