



Social, Moral, Spiritual and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to learn about our feelings and how to solve problems in a positive way. We will be talking about our talents and celebrating what makes each of us special. We will be learning about different festivals including Easter and talking about the world around us. We will continue to develop our independent learning skills across the curriculum.

RHE (Relationships Health Education)

This term's focus is Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds - finding out about our amazing body, including using the correct terminology for the private parts of our bodies (penis, testicles, vulva, vagina, bottom) and knowing how to keep our minds and bodies healthy. Next half term's focus will be Happy and Healthy Friendships - including forming friendships and how kind or unkind behaviours impact other people



RE focus - What do Christians Believe about God? The Bible, Creation, Caring for Creation, Lost and Found, Loving Shepherd and focusing on the Easter story next half term.

Ideas For Helping Your Child At Home

- Please continue to read with your child at home regularly. Five minutes a day of sharing a book and talking about it will make a massive difference to their view of themselves as readers. Individual reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday when an adult from home has read the book with the child and written in their log book.
- Book bags are needed in school every day with reading books in.
- Practising reading key words and spellings at home will also have a positive impact on your child's reading and writing development. Playing games, turning the words into flash cards, even saying them in the car or on the way to school will help.
- Talking to your child about their day at school is very useful and important. It helps the children remember important ideas and explain what they have learnt, and helps to embed it further in their mind.



Curriculum Letter
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Year One

Dear Parent/Carer

In order to keep you up to date about your child's learning journey, here is a brief overview of our current learning focuses in Year One. We hope this information will help you to talk to your child about their learning experiences and reinforce them at home.



English

This term we will be writing information texts about polar animals. We will be learning about the features of non-fiction books and how to use a contents page to find the information we need. We will be learning how to use the pictures, words and sentences to answer questions about what we have read, then how to plan our writing in sections and write under subheadings.



Our narrative writing focus for the second half term will be Jack and the Beanstalk. We will look at features of traditional tales and practise structuring and writing our own version of the story.

We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and practise using known sounds to write regular words independently (Phoneme Fingers). We will be continuing to learn how to read and spell our key words.



Maths

This term we will continue to read and write numbers to 20. We will be learning our number bond facts within 10. We will represent these number bonds in different ways and, with the numbers 6-10, we will concentrate on the 5-and-a-bit structure. We will be using our understanding of addition and subtraction to help us solve simple problems. We will be learning about odd and even numbers. We will be learning how to estimate, measure and compare the length of different objects and measure them using different units.

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is Cold. We will be finding out about the animals and people that live in cold places. We will be learning about the explorer Captain Scott and British mountaineer and sports adventurer Molly Hughes and their very different adventures in the Antarctic.

In Science we will be learning about materials & their properties. We will use our investigative skills to find out the best materials to keep us warm & how materials change. Our creative development will be based around sculpture, drawing and painting. We will be using different materials to create models of different polar animals. Our physical development focus for this term is dance.

Next half term's focus will be Plant Growth. We will find out about different artists who painted flowers and plants and create our own masterpieces! We will also be looking at in Science what plants need to grow and be conducting our own experiments about plant growth.

