



Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back!

This half term our theme for learning is **Picture This**. In Class 1 we will be learning about artists, looking at different pieces of art and using the story Jack and the Beanstalk to learn about plants.



Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term we are still focusing on writing stories. We will be using the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk to inspire our own story writing. The children are continuing to work on consistent punctuation when writing longer pieces of work. Every child will continue to participate in their Read Write Inc session, in which they will be required to read, discuss, share and write during the week.

The Reception children are being encouraged to write sentences independently and to be able to use red words by themselves. Please keep reading and writing the red words that have been sent home.

Our class role play this half term is a Jack and the Beanstalk area.



Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy

The children in Reception are learning to count forwards and backwards to 20 and be able to recognise, order and write these numbers. The children will be continuing to learn how to add and subtract and use doubling and halving to solve problems.

The Year 1 children are furthering their number knowledge by working on counting forwards and backwards to 100 in 1s, 3s, 5s and 10s. This is a key part of the Year 1 curriculum and the children need to be able to do this independently.

They will also be furthering their learning of addition and subtraction by using number lines as well as division and multiplication by using arrays and objects to help to solve problems.



Knowledge and understanding of the world

In geography, the children will be learning about different places around the world by important landmarks. They will be using paintings and art work to learn about famous landmarks in different cities around the world.

The RE will continue on the theme of Christian festivals, looking mostly at Easter. We will also be learning about Judaism and how a synagogue is used for worship.

In science, the children will be learning about plants. They will learn what they need to grow by growing their own beans, the names of trees and wild plants as well as being able to label the different parts of a flower.



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Physical development

In PE this half term the children will be participating in dance and games. They will be using the story Jack and the Beanstalk to create dance moves and freeze frames to tell the story. They will also be developing their bat and ball skills.

Creative development

In art the children will be learning about Picasso and how he creates his art. The children will be learning to read a piece of art and then create a sculpture in the style of Picasso.

In music the children will be learning songs for each part of the Jack and the Beanstalk story. They will listen to how the songs sound and relate that to what is happening in the story.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this half term is 'Myself and Others Feelings'. This theme will help children see themselves as unique individuals, similarities and difference with others and learn how to show respect for all.



Summer is here! (hopefully)

As the weather is getting hotter, it is really important that your child comes to school prepared. Please ensure they have the following EVERY DAY:

- A water bottle,
- Sun cream already applied,
- A sunhat (does not have to be a school hat).

Reading Record

Please could your child have their reading book in their bag every day and a signed comment in their reading record every time you have heard them? This helps us to be sure that your child is ready for a new book.

KIRF

The Year 1 KIRF challenge takes place in class on a **Wednesday**

Spellings

The Year 1 spelling test takes place in class on a **Friday**

Dates to remember:

Monday 1 May - Bank Holiday. School will be closed.

Friday 20 May @ 9am - Celebrating work. Each class with share something they have been learning about this half term. All parent and carers are welcome.

Thursday 18 May @ 2.45pm - Class 1 Worship - This worship will be led by Class 1 and every child in the class will be involved. We welcome ALL parents and carers from Class 1 to this worship.

Friday 26 May @ 9am - Celebrating work worship.
- Last day of Half Term.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

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