

Autumn Term 2021

Year 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an excellent Summer. Here are the Topic overviews for your child for this term.

The topic overviews are designed to incorporate all the National Curriculum objectives from the Foundation subjects. Below, we have included what the children will be learning about in English and Maths.

In English we are learning about:

First half term: We will look at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Children will learn and retell the story. They will then create their own stories in a similar style. Our focus will be on writing effective sentences using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and phonics to help with spelling. Sounding out and blending in all areas remains important.

Second half term: Children will extend their learning of the story 'Peace at Last' and learn to innovate the story. The children will explore descriptive writing using adjectives to describe the seasonal changes in Autumn.

In Maths we are learning about:

First half term: The children will be developing their knowledge of number and place value. Children will start by learning to count using one-to-one correspondence, they will learn to recognise numbers presented in a variety of different ways e.g. numeral, word, numicon, cubes, bead strings and dominoes. Children will continue to learn correct number formation.

Second half term: Children will continue to develop their knowledge of numbers. The aim is for children to begin to automatically recognize their number bonds to 10, when presented with a range of addition problems. As children progress throughout the curriculum they build on their mathematical knowledge through use of practical equipment, pictorial representations and finally developing more abstract knowledge through the use of problem solving.

Science: Children will be looking at different everyday materials and their uses. Children will also explore different changes that happen in Autumn.

ICT: Children will learn about e-safety and will learn how to log on to a computer independently.

Music: Children will learn percussion and rhythm linked to the story of The Three Little Pigs.

Geography: Children will conduct simple field work and observations of the local environment.

PE: Children will be learning Yoga positions and travelling in different ways within Gymnastics.

In the first half term our Topic is:
What shall I use?

Art/Design & Technology: Children will create a collage effect mask for the pig/wolf. They will also make a house for the pigs.

RE: Children will learn how Christians learn about God.

PSHE: Children will learn to express what makes them special and describe ways in which they are similar and different to others.

Science: Children will learn about the concept of hot and cold. Children will observe changes in the seasons and the weather.

ICT: Children will learn how to use different features on a computer keyboard.

Music: Children will be rehearsing Christmas songs for their nativity performance.

Geography: Children will study maps of the UK, Essex and Corringham. We will also study the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and be aware of well-known landmarks.

In the second half term our Topic is:
Where do I live?

Art/Design & Technology: Children will look at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and use ideas from his artistic pieces to create artwork using natural resources.

PSHE: Children will understand the positive and negative impacts of substances on their bodies such as medicines. Also, understanding what to do if they come across an unknown object such as wild berries.

PE: Children will learn fundamental motor skills.

Christmas celebrations and Christmas performance to parents.



General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and full PE kit are **clearly named** and P.E kit is in school every day. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for health and safety reasons or the children have tape in school. Children will not require football kit.

PE days for each class are as follows:

Tuesday - Please send your child into school wearing a P.E. kit.

Thursday - Your child will use their P.E. kit that is in school. Please wear school uniform.

Homework:

- Reading - Daily. Recorded in Reading Diary. These will be checked daily.

Homework will be set ONLINE for Maths and Phonics every Friday and must be completed by the following Friday morning.

- Maths - 1 task set for Mathletics.
- Phonics - 1 Reading Eggs Task linked to phonics for the week.

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and reading each day.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this booklet or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss B Wakeham & Miss J Randall

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Parent Information



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