

Year 1
Spring term
2022 - 2023

Wheels, wings and other things

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English

Reading and Phonics

During this term, we will continue to use our phonics skills to blend words for accurate reading and use the linked Read Write Inc. texts whilst working in our groups. Over the term, we will also be working on fluency for reading and our comprehension skills. There will be additional whole class reading sessions where we will develop these skills further through discussion and linked activities.

Writing

During the spring term we will be exploring the book 'The Storm Whale'. We will use this book to inspire our own story writing and persuasive writing. We will continue to develop our writing skills through the Talk4Writing approach. We will be focusing on writing accurate sentences that are punctuated with capital letters and full stops. We will also be exploring the use of 'and' in a sentence.

Handwriting

We will be focusing on single letter formation with letters from the 'one-armed robot' letter family (k, b, p, r) and letters from the 'curly caterpillar' letter family (c, a, d, e, s, g, f, q, o). We will be practicing these letters individually and within words.

Spelling

We will use some of the strategies from the Active Spelling approach to continue learning the year 1 spelling rules. This includes continuing to explore the rules of adding 's' or 'es' to words to make a plural and other spelling patterns such as words ending with a double consonant (ff, ss, zz, ll), words ending with 've', and words containing 'tch'.

Maths

We will be covering the following topics in our maths curriculum this term, through our maths scheme, Power Maths:

Shape

- 2D and 3D shapes

Addition

- adding numbers within 20
- identifying number bonds within 20
- using multiple methods to add numbers within 20

Subtraction

- subtracting numbers within 20
- using multiple methods to subtract within 20

Number

- counting to 50
- representing numbers in numerous ways
- counting in 2's and 5's
- answering worded problems

Measure

- introduction to length and height
- introduction to volume and weight

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History

Children will be learning about the history of transport and key famous figures who have influenced transport through history. Children will be exploring cars, trains, aeroplanes and space travel.

We will be comparing different types of transport and have the opportunity to learn how they have changed over the years.

Science

Seasons- we will be learning about the different seasons, including exploring the changes in the length of day and the differences in weather in each season.

Plants - We will be learning about the key parts of a plant and exploring the different kinds of wild plants, garden plants and trees.

RE

This term we will be learning about the religion of Islam.
We will be learning about the key Muslim beliefs and finding out about the importance of prayer and the mosque to the Muslim community.

We will also be learning about the special festivals of Eid ul-Adha and Eid ul-Fitr

Special days

WOW day- local walk to complete a traffic survey

Visit to the Train Station – date to be confirmed

Wonder day – Tuesday 28th March

PE

Spring 1 – We will be following the creative cog focusing on balancing on a line and our static balance focus is our stance. In Dance we will be creating and linking movements together.

Spring 2 – We will be following the creative cog with a focus on coordination and ball skills. We will be strengthening our balance further through counterbalancing with a partner.

PHSE

Through the programme 'Zippy's Friends' we will be exploring our feelings, including feeling jealous and nervous. We will be exploring ways to use and improve our listening skills, and ways to communicate our needs and how to ask for help. We will also explore using the internet safely and look at jobs in the local community.

Art/ DT

Art- This term we will be exploring sculpture and 3D artwork. We will be learning how to shape and use paper to create 3D pictures. We will then explore how to create a sculpture as a group using the paper shaping techniques.

DT- We will be exploring wheels and axels. We will be designing and making a moving vehicle.

Computing

We be using 'Purple Mash' to explore coding. We will learn how to use code blocks to create a set of instructions and then how to use code to create a simple computer program.

We will also be learning how to sort and group items into categories.

Values

Friendship and forgiveness -We will explore what this looks like in the bible and in the community.

Justice – We will explore justice in our world through charities such as Red Nose Day and will be making links with classroom rules.

Music

We will be exploring timbre and rhythmic patterns. We will be learning to use our voices expressively, using instruments to represent characters and composing and playing a rhythm. We will also be exploring pitch and tempo. We will be making patterns with two different pitches and creating superhero theme tunes.

How to help at home:

1. Please make sure your child reads to an adult at home as much as possible. You can use the reading record provided to make notes of your reading activities.
2. Please also help and encourage your child to practice their weekly phonics and spellings patterns – please look back over previous weeks too so we can ensure these are not forgotten!
3. We would love to hear about or see any additional reading or research linked to our topics or learning. Please share with us anything extra you do at home.
4. Check the homework sheet each week for challenges, home learning and links to the online RWI phonics sessions.