



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'Into the Forest'.

- In History, this half term we will be researching and developing our understanding of famous explorers with a focus on Christopher Columbus.
- In Geography, the children will be learning all about aerial perspectives and will be drawing an aerial map of the school building. We will also be developing our mapping skills by drawing Percy the Park Keeper a map.
- In Art and Design, we will be exploring artwork by different illustrators and will be having a go at illustrating a character for a book. We will also be looking at the work by the artist Mondrian.
- In Design Technology, the children will be designing and creating shelters for different animals and will then put the shelters into the Forest School area.
- In RE this half term, our theme is Christianity. The children will explore what it means to be a Christian and some of the things that they believe.

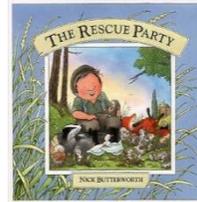


English

In English this half term, the children will be writing poetry that focuses on the creatures that can be found in the forest. They will also write instructions on how to plant a seed to grow a flower during their non-fiction writing.

Our focus stories will be 'Percy the Park Keeper' and 'Hansel and Gretel' both of which link in nicely with our 'Into the Forest' topic. The children will use stick puppets of the characters to re-tell the story and will have a go at changing the villain in 'Hansel and Gretel'. We will also use our writing skills to write invitations to a Teddy Bear's picnic in the Forest School area.

The children will continue to take part in RWI phonic sessions in order to develop their understanding of sounds and their ability to read fluently.



Mathematics

In Maths this half term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of place value and will be counting forwards and backwards from any number to 40. They will also be reading and writing numbers to 40 in both numerals and words and will be finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number.

The children will then revisit addition and subtraction where they will use bar modelling in order to solve number sentences including missing number problems. The children will be applying these skills into problem solving and reasoning activities. Following their work on addition and subtraction the children will learn how to measure and record lengths and heights and will use the language related to measuring including longer, shorter and taller.

Science

In Science this half term we will be learning all about different trees and plants. The children will visit Forest School in order to identify and learn about both deciduous and evergreen trees and will label the different parts of the tree. They will also name some common wild and garden plants and will label the keys parts of plants. The children will be developing their understanding of how plants grow and what they need to grow. Using this knowledge the children will carry out an investigation to find out the different places where plants grow.



Enrichment

This half term the children will plan and hold a Teddy Bear's picnic in our Forest School area.

Important Dates & Information

- **Please ensure your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday to use throughout the week. Thank you.**