

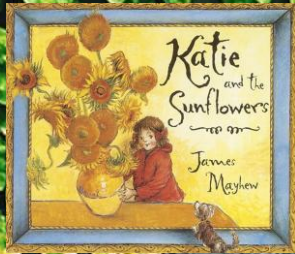
Summer Term One Year 1



English

This half term, Year 1 children will explore texts inspired by Paddington Bear. They will begin by writing a character description for Aunt Lucy, focusing on her appearance and personality using simple descriptive language. They will then develop recount and persuasive writing by creating a postcard from London, describing a famous landmark such as Big Ben or Buckingham Palace and encouraging her to visit. Alongside this, children will read and perform poems including Lizzy's Lion by Dennis Lee and Pirate Pete by James Carter, developing confidence and expression when reading aloud.

We are reading...



Homework

Homework is given out on a Thursday and due back the following Tuesday. It has an English or Maths focus relevant to the children's learning that week.

- Spellings - tests are on Fridays
- Reading - children's reading should be recorded in their reading journals daily

Phonics books and reading journals need to be in school each day.

Maths

This half term, Year 1 children will explore numbers to 20, developing confidence in counting, recognising, and understanding value. They will then learn about unitising and coin recognition, applying their knowledge to real-life contexts. Alongside this, children will take part in Maths Mastery sessions four times a week to support fluency and deepen understanding.

Geography

Comparing Countries of the UK

This half term, Year 1 children will explore the geography of the United Kingdom, beginning by locating the country and its capital cities. They will then learn about the key geographical features of Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, developing their understanding of different landscapes across the UK. Throughout the unit, children will also reflect on the Catholic Social Teaching question, "Why is it important for countries to be united?", before answering the final question: which part of the UK they would most like to visit and why.

R.E

1J: Easter

This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the season of Easter as a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The unit focuses on the importance of the Resurrection and its message.

1K: Pentecost

This unit is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Pentecost as the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. The unit focuses on the coming of the Holy Spirit as a promised gift that brought about a change in the lives of the disciples and how we celebrate and receive that gift in our lives today.



Science

Plants

The children will be looking at the parts of plants and trees. They will be studying wild and garden plants as well as looking at plants within the local area. They will look at deciduous trees and evergreen trees and seeing if they can identify these in the local area too.

Seasonal Change

The children will observe the seasons change from Spring to Summer and note the similarities and differences.

Art

This half term, Year 1 children will explore the work of Joan Miró, focusing on his colourful, surreal style and imaginative forms. They will learn about his artwork and use subject-specific language such as colour, sculpture, and surreal to describe what they see. Children will develop their skills in handling and shaping clay, including rolling, pinching, and joining, to create their own clay aliens and creatures inspired by his work. They will also explore primary and secondary colours, using paint to decorate their sculptures, and enhance their creations with additional materials to add texture and detail.

Music

Your Imagination

This is a song about using your imagination. We will be listening and appraising the song as well as playing warm up games to be able to sing the song. We will also be learning to improvise, compose and perform.

RHE

Harmful Substances

Children will learn about the harm substances such as alcohol and tobacco can have on our bodies.

Three in One

Through the story, pupils will be introduced to the concept of the Holy Trinity and think about what the Holy Trinity means for them. This is a simple teaching that will be returned to with more complexity in later years.

Who is My Neighbour?

Through the story of The Good Samaritan, children will learn who their neighbour is - everyone!

British Values: Democracy

Computing

Creating media - Digital Writing

Learners will develop their understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and manipulate text. They will become more familiar with using a keyboard and mouse to enter and remove text. Learners will also consider how to change the look of their text, and will be able to justify their reasoning in making these changes. Finally, learners will consider the differences between using a computer to create text, and writing text on paper. They will be able to explain which method they prefer and explain their reasoning for choosing this.

PE

Net and Wall

The object of these games is to hit the ball over the net and into the court space or against a wall to make it difficult for a partner to return. Examples include tennis, badminton, volleyball, squash. In this unit, pupils develop their understanding of attacking and defending principles in net games such as using a ready position to defend their court and placement of a ball into space. They use and develop skills such as throwing, catching, tracking and hitting a ball.

Sending and Receiving

In this unit pupils develop their sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping a ball. Pupils will be given opportunities to work with a range of different sized balls. They will apply their skills individually, in pairs and in small groups and begin to organise and self-manage their own activities. They will understand the importance of abiding by the rules to keep themselves and others safe.