

What am I learning about this half term?

Reading

Phonics in Year One is Read, Write, Inc (RWI) - something the children are very familiar with. The format of the lessons will run as they did in Seedlings class. The children will learn 3 key sounds each week and further embed this learning through a text which we will explore in our sessions. Children will bring home a new book to read with families each week. Please ensure your child brings their book with them each day in their bag. Alongside RWI, the children will also be introduced to other engaging texts (the story this half term is a surprise so will be revealed soon!).

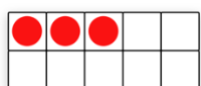


Writing



We love writing in Year 1 and use engaging stories and creativity to inspire and motivate the children. We are very eager and excited to see what the children have been learning about in writing in Seedlings class, so, we will begin Year One by focusing on our phonics to help us to sound out and write words. We will be learning how using our voice can help us with our writing to build sentences and using the iPad will help us here too!

Maths



We are beginning our Autumn Terms Maths by exploring Place Value and Number. Our initial focus will be on subitising numbers. To subitise is the ability to quickly know there are 4 counters on the table without the need to count them. The children will use their understanding of place value to represent numbers up to 10. This will then lead on to addition and subtraction facts within 10. Our Maths lessons will have a hands-on approach, where the children use a variety of difference concrete resources.

Science



We will grab our coats for Science as we get outdoors and investigate 'Seasonal Changes'! We will be exploring what the weather looks like across the year, how it affects the trees and plants and design our own weather symbols. As we find out how the weather is forecast, we may even try our hand at presenting the weather...watch out BBC! The children will have the opportunity to make their own rain gauges as we predict and measure the rain across a period of time.

Religious Education

In our Christianity unit, we will explore the key question, 'What do Christians believe God is like?' Through exploring biblical texts, children will learn that Christians believe God is Lord, King, loving, kind and fair. We will explore the parable, The Lost Son (Luke 15:1-2, 11-32) and use drama, art and music to explore how Christians recognise that God is a forgiving father. We will encourage the children to reflect on their learning and ask questions about whether they can learn anything from the story for themselves, exploring different ideas.



Physical Education

Our PE days in Year One are Tuesdays and Fridays. This half term the children are going to build up their skills and understand how to play as part of a team. Our two areas of focus are football and handball. These lessons will provide the children with opportunities to practise passing balls to different players, aiming at a variety of targets and ways to defend targets.



Art

Our Art unit this half term is all about exploring lines in nature. Through this unit we will investigate how we can change the colour, thickness or length of a line (straight, curved, thick, thin, short, long, zigzag, wiggle, spiral, dash, dots) to create different effects and grow to understand that art can be created in a variety of different ways, not just by using pencils and paper! We will look carefully at art pieces that have been created in the outdoors, using different things that can be found in nature. Using this as inspiration, we will then experiment and create a piece of art using all things found in nature such as twigs, rocks, leaves and pinecones. We can't wait to see the children's creations!



Music



This half term, our theme is 'My Musical heartbeat'. We will learn that music is a language made up of high and low and long and short sounds. The children will listen to and learn about many different styles of music. We will sing, move and dance to specially written songs.

Geography

We are beginning this term by focussing on our local Geography. Where do we live? The children will begin by looking at where we live and what makes our home and local area special. The children will be introduced to maps and have a go at locating key features and areas. The children will find some interesting ways to learn the 4 points of a compass (NESW). This will build up to learning about the four countries that make up The United Kingdom and the capital cities.



History

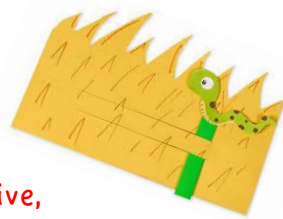
Our Autumn topic is certain to hook the children into their learning. We will be learning all about 'Toys of the past'. We will begin with our very own toys and ask ourselves "What makes our toys today so special and popular?"

We have lots of real examples of toys from the past including toys belonging to (and played by) the Year One teachers. We will explore chronology, looking at how toys have changed over the decades. The children will learn all about teddy bears and where they originated from.



Design Technology

Our DT project links perfectly with our History topic: Toys of the Past. The focus will be Mechanisms: Sliders and Levers. The children will learn a variety of different skills including investigative, designing, cutting, joining, making and evaluating.



PSHE

We will begin the year with our topic that explores, 'Being Me in My World' and the importance of being the best version of yourself.



We will find out what it means to have a sense of belonging, how we can make people feel welcome and what is means to part of a school community. We will use games, music, singing, discussion and art to help express our learning.

Computing

This Autumn, the children have been introduced to their own iPads! Whilst the children have used these in Seedlings, we will continue to build their knowledge on the iPads and the different apps we will use in Year 1. The first half term will be exploring all the different features the iPads have and how we can use them in everyday lessons.

