



Year One Topic - Autumn 1 2022 - 'Ourselves'

Firstly, a big welcome back to our wonderful Year One Children who will be busy enjoying learning how to be fantastic role models to the new Reception children who will soon be joining us in the classroom as well as helping to set up a welcoming classroom. Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves'. We will be concentrating on 'celebrating differences' by looking closely at ways we are the same as and different from our peers. We will also be looking at ways to keep our bodies healthy. As it is a science-based topic we will also be focusing on naming and labelling parts of our bodies, identifying and naming the parts of the body that are linked to the five senses – taste, touch, smell, seeing and hearing and using our senses to perform simple tests, gather and record data and answer simple scientific questions. The children will be following the National Curriculum for Y1. This means that they will enjoy lots of learning in different subject areas including Geography, History, Science and RE. They will still have a Tapestry Account so please feel free to add on your home learning.



Maths

We will begin with a focus on Number following the White Rose Y1 Maths Curriculum. This teaches small steps of progress that the children build upon each lesson. It encourages problem solving, understanding and reasoning alongside each session. This encourages the children to explain their understanding of the concepts they are learning. We will be focusing on sorting, counting forwards and backwards to 10, reading and writing numerals and words to 10. Moving on to simple addition and subtraction. Head to our page on the school website for links to weekly videos to support and consolidate your child's math's learning at home.

English

The children will begin by building on the reading and writing skills they developed last year. They will focus on composing sentences orally and knowing what they want to write. Learning will be based on a number of stories which celebrate difference. These include; Elmer, What I like About Me, It's Okay to be different and I'm like you, You're like me. There will be a focus on 'having-a-go' at writing as we encourage the children to annotate their stories and pictures with captions and simple sentences using their phonic knowledge. We will also be concentrating on spelling the common exception words from Phonics Phase 2 and 3 in our writing.

Phonics and Reading

The children will continue with a daily phonics session. This year we have adopted a new reading programme called Little Wandle. It boasts a slightly different way of teaching reading, particularly the reading practise element. There will be a meeting on 14th September at 5pm. Please ensure you are able to come along to this meeting to find out how the programme differs from before and to make sure you are up to date with the latest ways of how you can support your children's reading journey at home. Miss Ives will be leading the meeting.

Topic

The children are following the Y1 National Curriculum. This term we will be covering God and Creation in RE, singing songs linked to our topic and making music with our bodies in Music. In Art and DT we will be building our skills in observational drawings and painting and making simple models. In PE we will continue to build skills in throwing and catching as well as working together as a team. In Geography we will learn a little about our local area and our leaning in history will be based around how we have changed.