

Chapter 1 Learning Journey

English This half term, the children will explore the vehicle text, *Old Bear* by Jane Hissey. Pupils will use the vehicle text to develop their sentence work from EYFS, focusing on the accurate use of capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops. The children will use the text as a vehicle to learn about plural noun suffixes as well as study vocabulary from the text. The children will work towards writing a finding narrative story and a message to the toys. During phonics sessions, the children will continue to participate in streamlined groups learning Set 1, Set 2 or Set 3 sounds.

Mathematics This term, Year 1 pupils will develop their understanding of number, calculation and shape. Children will explore place value within 10 by counting, comparing, ordering and representing numbers, as well as finding one more and one less. They will begin learning addition and subtraction within 10, using number bonds, part-whole models and simple problem-solving strategies. Pupils will also investigate 2-D and 3-D shapes, learning to recognise, name, sort and describe their properties, as well as creating patterns using shapes.

Science This half term, Chapter 1 will be exploring the amazing world of plants! The children will learn all about how plants grow, how they make their own food through photosynthesis, and even how they communicate with each other. Along the way, they will explore the different parts of plants, from the roots that anchor them, to the leaves that capture sunlight, and we'll uncover some fascinating facts about how they adapt to survive in all sorts of environments.

History In history, pupils will be introduced to Queen Elizabeth II. They will be learning about what life was like for her growing up as a princess and explore the timeline of her life, as she becomes one of Britain's longest reigning queens. The children will be introduced to the Royal Family and will explore key vocabulary. In addition, the children will explore Queen Elizabeth's coronation and her role as the leader of the Commonwealth.

Art This half term, the children will explore colours, materials and shapes using Andy Goldsworthy's art work. They will examine several of his sculptures and use them as inspiration for their own creations. The pupils will spend time outdoors creating replicas of his work, taking inspiration from the natural world around them. Finally, they will use a range of materials to explore how to change the texture of their art work.

Physical Education This half term, the children will be developing their creativity and rhythm as they take part in Dance. They will be exploring the topic of the Seaside and will enjoy performing different movements and sequences to music as they think about what they do at the beach. This topic will focus on spatial awareness, moving in different ways to the music and cooperating with a partner to develop a sequence to perform.

Computing This half term, pupils will be exploring the online learning platform 'Purple Mash'. They will learn how to independently log in to the site using their unique usernames and passwords and also will begin to explore some of the key features and tools that will be used throughout the year. Pupils will then move on to learning about safety when working online and will explore technology and how it is used outside of the classroom in day-to-day life.

Spanish Me Presento This half term, Year 1 pupils will be introduced to Spanish for the first time. They will learn about Spanish culture and traditions and will find out how to greet each other in Spanish. Pupils will also be able to say their name and how they feel and count from 1-6. They will begin to recognise that Spanish pronunciation is different to English pronunciation.

Religious Education The children will begin RE studies considering the importance of showing respect when learning about and from differing religions. They will think about how the world began, looking at a variety of creation stories from a number of faiths before moving onto thinking about what people believe God looks like.

Music Pulse through play Children will begin to explore pulse - the heartbeat of the music. They will follow heartbeat notation and begin to move with a sense of timing to demonstrate pulse. They will begin to sing with increasing independence and prepare a song for their Harvest assembly.

LC + This half term the pupils will become 'Cartoon Creators', they will think about our favourite cartoon characters and what makes them special! The children will create their favourite characters and create role play around them. Furthermore, pupils will create a variety of their own characters and in groups create their own cartoon story! There will be lots of creativity and art activities during LC + this half term!



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