

YEAR 1



Coming up next week...1/12/2025

Maths

This week will conclude our learning on addition and subtraction. They will explore adding 1 or 2 in a variety of different contexts. They combine all the methods and approaches they have seen so far in this block. However, for the first time, they will need to decide whether they are being asked to add or subtract. Then we will start our new topic: geometry. Here the children will be learning about 3D shape. They will be identifying and naming the 3D shapes: cube, cuboid, sphere, pyramid, cone and cylinder and using the vocabulary: faces, curved and flat when they describe 3D shape properties.

English

Now the children have published their stories. We will be introducing the steps to make their personal project. These are stories, picture book or non-fiction books that the children create based on their interests. This supports the children's love for writing and gives the confidence to make their own books for all to enjoy.

Phonics

Now the children have been taught many alternative graphemes, this week we will introduce them to the term 'grow the code'. For example we now know the /ee/ sound can be made in these additional ways: e (me), ea (beach), ie (belief), e-e (these).

We will also 'grow the code' for:

/ai/ a, ay, a-e

/oa/ o-e, o

/igh/ ie, i, i-e

/oo/ ew, ue, u, u-e

Also this week we will be revising all the tricky words we have covered so far.

Reading

We will continue to work on our Bug Club text: *The Artist* by Joseph Coelho. We will be exploring a range of art related vocabulary for example: technique, brushstrokes, foreground, background and middle ground as well as answering a range of different question styles.

Our focus in fluency this week will be 'pace'. The children will be learning and performing: *Five Little Reindeer*

Topic

As we start to rehearse for our Christmas show, our next RE learning will be about who visited Baby Jesus and why they were important people.

In History we will be continuing our topic by finding out how food was packaged and stored.

We are going to cover our next DT unit in a block before the end of term. We will learning about wheels and axles.

Please can we have boxes donated (no larger than a cereal box) for our vehicle making in DT the week beginning 8th December.

In Art we will recreate Clarice Cliff's 'Circle Tree' plate design using our knowledge around colour mixing primary colours to make secondary colours.

Reminders

Wednesday 10th December is the Children's Christmas dinner. The children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform if they wish on this day.

Year 1 Christmas performances- T'was the Week Before Christmas:

Thursday 11th December at 9.15

Friday 12th December at 10.15

Lines for our school production have been sent home. Please help your child to learn them off by heart. All children have chosen whether they would like to speak in the play or not. If your child has not got lines to learn please do not worry, they will be participating fully in another way.

Christmas Production Costume Request

Please ensure all costumes are named and sent into school in a named carrier bag by Friday 5th December.

To support us in producing our Christmas play we are asking for your help in providing the following costumes for the children.

Squirrels will be performing as Wise Men. They will need dark trousers (school trousers are fine) or leggings and a plain 'jewel coloured' top e.g. yellow, red, blue or green. If the children would like they can add a plain coloured cloak. The children will be making their own headdress at school.

Hedgehogs will need an all-black outfit. We will be adding stars so please be aware that these will be attached at school. If you are able to support with this at home please do.

Badgers will be performing as Shepherds. They will need black or grey leggings/trousers, a white, cream or brown t- shirt and a Tea towel for their head dress.

If you need any help with anything at all please let your class teacher know. Many thanks for your help.

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