Spring Curriculum Overview – Year 1



English

In English we have been looking at a range of texts. Our focus has been on developing our sentence construction and becoming familiar with a range of different text types.

- Little Red Riding Hood (fiction)
- Wombat Goes Walkabout (fiction)
- Little Leaders (non-fiction)
- When I am By Myself (poetry)

As part of this we have been looking at letter formation, using speech and applying our phonetic knowledge to record new words.

To support your child with this aspect of their learning you could:

- Read a range of texts regularly at home spotting digraphs and decoding new words
- Share other traditional tales
- Provide opportunities to write for a purpose e.g. retell their favourite story
- Ask questions about stories to. E.g. where was the story set? How do you think the main character was feeling?



Science/Computing



RHSE/RE/PE



Science

- Weather patterns of the UK
- Identifying seasons and how these affect the behaviour of animals and plants
- Explore how day length changes throughout the year

Computing

- Programming BeeBots to show the importance of clear, precise instructions
- Introduce accessing Chromebooks with personal logins
- Explore Google Maps and locate key landmarks around the world

- Our dreams and goals for the future
- Things that make us feel proud and share our achievements
- Being healthy and looking after bodies
- Naming different ways we can be healthy including sleep and exercise

- Explore the Jewish festival of Purim and what it means
- Explore the story of Esther
- Understand the importance of Easter to Christians and how it links to Spring
- Religious symbols important to Christians that represent Easter and new life

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- Wide, narrowed, curled movements for gymnastics
- Different types of jumps



Maths

In Maths we have used a range of strategies for developing our understanding of numbers. We have used concrete materials. pictorial representations and number lines to help develop our fluency.

- Explore numbers to 20 and 50 with addition and subtraction
- Introduce time and identifying o'clock
- Name the days of the week and months of the year
- Introduce simple fractions e.g. ½
- Explore and measure length and weight

To help your child with this aspect of learning you could:

- Counting to 20 and beyond
- Ask o'clock and half past times on an analogue clock
- Explore calendars and know their birthday
- Use the language of fractions when sharing food. E.g. Can I have half an apple?

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History/Geography

History

- Use historical language to describe the passing of time
- Explore chronological order to create timelines of events
- Investigate Queens from the past and name significant events from their reign
- Create a timeline for UK, American and Australian history linked to Geography

Geography

- Countries and capital cities of the UK
- Continents and oceans of the world
- Creating an aboriginal map
- Compare human and physical features of New York, London and Sydney
- Create 3D map of London with significant landmarks



Art/D&T

<u>Art</u>

- Look at symbols related to weather
- Use a range of natural materials to create weather symbols (transient art)
- Exploring printing as an artistic technique

- Transport of London (similarities and differences)
- Explore wheels and how they work including axles
- Design, make and evaluate a wheeled vehicle for London



Music

- Introducing tempo and dynamics
- Combining pulse, rhythm and pitch
- Singing traditional rhymes linked to London