Autumn 2 in Year 1

English

In English this term, Year 1 will be diving into stories and developing a lifelong love of reading. Through role-play, hot-seating, small world play and sequencing activities, children will immerse themselves in the texts we explore. Alongside this, they'll be learning key writing skills such as using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, as well as identifying and using nouns and adjectives. We'll also practise using 'and' to add more detail to our sentences and apply our phonics knowledge to help us spell new words.

We are reading...



In Reading this term, Year 1 will be strengthening their skills and growing in confidence as young readers. We'll focus on developing fluency, pace, and stamina to help children read more smoothly and with greater understanding. Using their phonics knowledge, pupils will practise decoding sounds and recognising tricky words to support their reading.

Maths

In Maths this term, Year 1 will be building strong number skills through hands-on learning and fun activities. We'll be exploring addition and subtraction within 10, helping children develop confidence with number bonds and simple calculations. Pupils will also be recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes, learning to describe their features and group them in different ways. Later in the term, we'll focus on understanding the place value of numbers up to 20, laying the foundation for future number work.

Science

Materials

This term, Year 1 will be exploring the fascinating world of materials! We'll be identifying and naming everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. Children will investigate their properties—discovering whether they are hard or soft, rough or smooth—and learn how to describe them. We'll also be classifying objects based on the materials they are made from, helping us understand how and why different materials are used in our world.

Geography

Our Local Area

In Geography this term, Year 1 will be exploring our local area of Thornton through hands-on learning and discovery. We'll begin with a walk around the community to observe and explore our surroundings, noticing the features that make our area unique. Children will learn to create detailed maps, helping to develop their mapping and spatial skills. We'll also take time to share what we like and dislike about the area, encouraging thoughtful reflection and discussion. As part of our learning, we'll investigate both human and physical processes that shape and influence the environment around us.

Art

Drawing – Making Your Mark

In Art this term, Year 1 will be diving into the theme 'Drawing – Making Your Mark'. Children will explore the exciting world of mark making and line, experimenting with different techniques to express their creativity. We'll be working with a variety of materials and tools, encouraging children to observe closely and use their imagination. As part of our learning, we'll also create collaborative pieces of art, helping pupils to share ideas and work together to produce something truly special.

PSHE

Valuing Differences

In PSHE this term, Year 1 will be focusing on the theme of 'Valuing Differences'. Through stories, discussions, and activities, children will learn the importance of developing respect for others, accepting people for who they are, and celebrating the unique qualities that make each of us special. This learning will help build a kind, inclusive classroom where everyone feels valued and heard.

Music

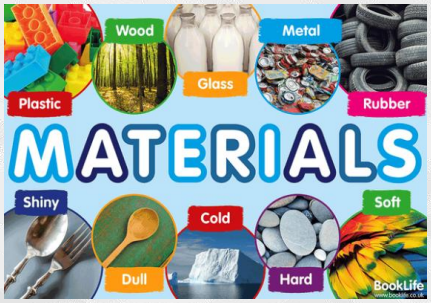
Dance, Sing and Play

In Music this term, Year 1 will be moving, singing, and playing as part of our exciting unit: 'Dance, Sing and Play!' Children will explore the building blocks of music—long and short sounds known as rhythm, and high and low sounds called pitch.

PE

Gymnastics

This term in PE, Year 1 will be developing their gymnastics skills with a focus on movement, balance, and body control. Children will explore different ways of travelling, including rolling, jumping, and balancing, using both the floor and apparatus. Through fun and engaging activities, they'll learn how to create simple sequences by linking movements together. Pupils will also practise holding shapes and positions with control, improving their coordination and spatial awareness.



RE

What do some people believe God looks like?

In RE this term, Year 1 will be learning about how different people and religions understand and represent God. Children will explore the idea that people have different beliefs about God's form and appearance, and how art can be used to express feelings towards God. We'll learn that some Hindu people believe God has many forms, and that Christians believe Jesus is the son of God and God on Earth. Pupils will also discover how Christian, Muslim, and Hindu people refer to God, and identify one representation from each religion.

Computing

Technology all around us

Children will become familiar with the term technology and recognise that it is all around us. They will be able to explain that technology can help us in lots of different ways.