

## English

In English, we will be learning traditional stories through our 'talk for writing' approach. The children will be developing their English skills through drama and practical activities. We will be deepening the children's vocabulary and understanding. The children will be continuing to work on their own personal writing targets. We will further develop their phonics skills, punctuation and spellings.

## Geography

We will be using observational skills to detect the signs of Autumn and think about how the seasons change. We also begin to look at our local environment and the homes we live in using satellite imagery.

## PSHE

During this term the children will be focusing on 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating differences'. We will use our new class friend Jigsaw Jack to help us explore these ideas.

## Art and Design

During the first term, we will be exploring mark making and line. We will work experimentally with different materials. In our Art lessons, we will find out about different artists.

## Computing

Year 1 will learn how to use Seesaw to record their work. They will learn how to behave responsibly online and use the iPads with care and respect. We will be discussing internet safety throughout the term.

## Mathematics

In the Autumn term we will be continuing to work on our numbers up to 100 and number bonds to 10 & 20. We will be developing their addition and subtraction skills and introducing reasoning activities. We will also be starting to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will be looking at 2D and 3D shape and also looking at measuring.

## Year 1 Autumn 2023

Year 1 have an exciting term ahead!

Our topic this term is 'Castles'. We will be observing seasonal change and going on a conker walk. We will be visiting Goodrich Castle as part of our castle topic where we will make history come to life. During this term, we will use the Eco garden for Forest School sessions, where we will focus on communication skills and teamwork.

## Physical Education

During the term, the children will be developing their gross motor skills during our multi skills lessons. We will also be working on our gymnastics skills.

## Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials and identifying whether they are man-made or natural. We will be looking at the life cycle of a tree and seasonal change. We will be encouraging the children to ask scientific questions and investigate the answers.

## History

This term, Year 1 will be looking at conflict through our topic of Castles, and learning about what life was like during medieval times. We will be finding out about the features of a castle and learning about castle life, such as how people lived and worked.

## Music

Pupils will be learning about music vocabulary including; pulse and tempo, pitch and rhythm. They will play a variety of un-tuned instruments.

## How you can help

Please continue to read and share books with your child every night. Keywords will be sent home in their book bags so please can you help your child learn them. Whilst out and about, encourage your child to recall and discuss any numbers they see. We ask that you also continue to help your child with learning to tell the time and offer them experiences with money. We encourage you whilst walking around the local area to observe different buildings, past and present and share what you found out with the class.