

Communication and Language and Literacy.

Phonics:

We will be starting phase 2 phonics which will include new initial sounds such as 's','a','t'. We will begin practising segmenting and blending for reading and writing. YR1 will be revising phase 3 and 4 phonics and moving into phase 5 after half term.

Writing:

We will begin to develop our skills in writing some recognisable letters and putting these together to form words. We will be doing lots of fine motor skills activities such as using tweezers to move small objects and making cotton reel towers to develop coordination and muscle tone in the hands to improve their pencil grip.

YR1 will be using their phonic knowledge to write words in simple sentences and learning new adjectives to use in descriptive writing. We will be enjoying an array of stories such as "Aliens Love Underpants" and "Once they were Giants".



Autumn Term 2022
"Stargazers" and "Grand Designs"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school to the Year 1's and a big welcome to St Mary's to our new Reception children. We are so pleased to be back and have planned lots of learning for the children! Our themes this term are "Stargazers" and "Grand Designs". We really welcome parental support in helping your children with reading, spelling and other home learning activities and we notice a marked difference in progress at school between children who read regularly at home and those who don't. We are excited to be starting a new phonics scheme which the children are already enjoying in their phonics lesson. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask us.

We are hoping to spend as much time as possible outdoors so it would be helpful if children continue to have a pair of wellies that can be kept in school, and a warm coat everyday.

Thank you for your help with this.

Willow and Oak team



Maths

In EYFS our maths will be delivered and practised through practical activities involving numbers in everyday situations.

We will be developing an understanding of numbers and practising accurate 1 to 1 counting with objects. We will also be exploring patterns using a variety of objects to make our own repeating patterns.

YR1 will be exploring the place value of numbers to 10, as well as beginning to add and subtract using objects. Both classes will also learn about shape; recognising and describing their properties.

We will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning, whilst also using the NCETM Maths Mastery program to consolidate children's learning.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be creating art to link to our termly topics using a variety of media. We will encourage the children to observe carefully and follow instructions to create their own drawings and paintings.

Music

We will be enjoying our lessons with Mrs Joy, where we will sing songs, play instruments and learn to notice and follow different rhythms.

Understanding The World

This term we will be looking at seasonal changes as we move into autumn and then winter. This will involve autumn walks around school to hunt for evidence of the changing seasons. We will have the opportunity to visit the Space Dome to learn more about the Solar System. After half term, our focus will be on different materials and their properties. We will be using our classroom equipment to design structures.

Reception children will enjoy learning 'All About Me' by bringing in their personal shoeboxes to share with the class. We will begin to question how we change as we grow.

In our topic lessons, Year 1 children will be studying maps to understand our place in the world. We also will be developing our craft skills to make rockets out of recyclable materials.

P.S.E.D

We will be following the SCARF Scheme for our 'Personal, Social and Health Education.'

The themes for this term are: 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Rights and Responsibilities'.

We will also be writing a class charter to understand the expected behaviours in the classroom.

R.E

EYFS- Special People-What makes people special?
Year 1- Who Made the World- Why does Christmas matter to Christians?