

Curriculum Matters

Year 1 Autumn 2



Our theme this half term is '*Where are you going to little brown mouse?*' This is a geography and science based topic. The children will learn about the four seasons and how they change over the year. We will also be researching how trees and plants change during the seasons. We will be going on an autumn walk to explore and observe what is happening around us. We will also be learning about the weather associated with the seasons. We will be using leaves to create pictures about autumn.

English

Our English work will focus on the stories 'Scaredy Squirrel' and 'The Gruffalo'. We will be thinking about the characters and how they are feeling at different parts of the story. As part of our autumn topic children will be reading and writing non-fiction texts and researching nocturnal animals. We will continue to work hard on our handwriting so children can form their letters and numbers correctly.

Our English objectives as outlined by the year one curriculum are:

- To form lower case letters in the correct direction.
- To say our sentence before we write it.
- To begin to write sentences using 'and' to join ideas.
- To try to become independent spellers using our phonics knowledge.
- To become confident and fluent readers.

English target: to keep practising writing lower case letters correctly.

You can help your child at home by practising letter formation. Homework will include handwriting sheets to practise. Also please continue to hear your child read regularly.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on the following areas:

- To count, read and write numbers to 10.
- To represent and use number bonds to 10.
- Addition using the part, part, whole model and fact families.
- 3D shapes

Maths target: to count in tens.

You can help your child by counting with them regularly.



Music

In music children will be learning about beat, pulse, rhythm and pitch. We will be sorting instruments into musical instrument families. We will watch performance songs from the movies, including hits from popular children's films.



ICT

Children will continue to use lap tops to consolidate knowledge and skills taught within class. We are focussing on staying safe online.



R.E.

The children will be learning about the Christmas story and the meaning of giving gifts. We will also look at different 'light' festivals around the world. Our Christmas nativity will take place in December.



P.E.

Children will continue to be taught by the sports coach every Tuesday morning. Come to school in jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers or pumps.

Thank you for all your hard work in helping and supporting your child with their homework. Homework linked to Maths, English or topic will continue to be sent home on Friday.

