

We are exploring...

a collection of traditional tales from The Story Tree. We will begin by reading 'The Sweetest Song,' an African American traditional tale. We will make predictions about how we think the story will end and write a diary entry in role as the main character 'Little Daughter'. We will then use role play to help us retell the story in our own words before planning and writing our own version. We will then move on to explore the traditional tale The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children will complete role plays, write questions and retell the story in character as the troll.

In Phonics, we will be continuing Phase 5 and learning alternative spellings for the phonemes we know. We will continue to practise sounding out and blending real and alien words and spelling words by sounding them out.



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Year 1 Newsletter Spring Term 2 2024

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope you had a restful break. We can't wait for all of the exciting things we have planned for this half term and hopefully we will have a little bit of sunshine too!

Thanks for your continued support,
Miss Goulds, Miss Lowe, Mrs Fontana- Rosa, Mr Cosgrove and Mrs Griffiths

Y1 Key Information

- Please ensure your child brings their book bag, reading book, reading record and a named water bottle into school each morning.
- Year 1 will have P.E with Coach Alhaji on Mondays and their class teachers on Thursdays. Remember to wear your P.E kit to school on these days!
- Giraffes will be having outdoor learning on Wednesday afternoons and Rhinos will be having outdoor learning on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes into school dressed appropriately on those days.

How can you help at home?

- Remind your child to use neat correctly formed letters which sit on the line.
- Remind them to use **finger spaces, full stops** and **capital letters**.
- Please try to **read** with your child for 5 minutes every evening and ask them questions to support their understanding. For example, what do you think the book is about? What do you think will happen next? How do you think ... is feeling? How else could the story end? You could read a book from school, home, the library or on Bug Club!
- Practise quickly recalling **number bonds to 10 and 20**.
- Practise counting as high as you can and **counting in groups of 10s, 5s and 2s** – forwards and backwards!

Important Dates

27th February – Art Café

6th March – School photographs

7th March – World Book Day

7th – 11th March – Scholastic Book Fair

13th March – Rhino class trip to St Augustine's Church

14th March – Giraffe class trip to St Augustine's Church

14th March – Red Nose Day

19th March – Year 2 Victorian Workshop

22nd March – Easter Disco

28th March – Caspa - Wear Green to be Seen day

As mathematicians we will...



Begin by focussing on addition and subtraction within 20. We will use methods such as counting on and using numbers bonds to add, then we will be practising subtraction where we cross the 10. After, that we will move on to exploring numbers within 50. We will be learning to identify the tens and ones before representing numbers using apparatus and by drawing them. We will then move onto comparing and ordering them using the < > and = symbols. This term we will also be learning to count in groups of 10, 2 and 5!

Useful Websites

Mathletics

<https://community.mathletics.com/signin#/student>

Bug Club

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Phonics Play

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

World Book Day

<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

The Wider Curriculum

Wonderful Weather!



In Geography we will...

- Name weather types in the UK. Identify daily and seasonal changes.
- Recognise weather symbols.
- Explain some dangers of the weather.
- Use world maps and globes to locate hot and cold countries of the world.
- Make simple observations about the weather in the UK.

Moving Mechanisms

In DT we will...

- Explore how to construct a sliding mechanism, a lever and pivot mechanism, and finally a wheel mechanism.
- Design a moving minibeast picture for an author who is writing a book about minibeasts.
- Use our new knowledge and skills to bring our designs to life!

Animated Stories

In Computing we will...

- Log in to Purple Mash and use the 2Create a Story tool.
- Create stories including images, texts, sounds, backgrounds and animations.
- Learn how to save and retrieve our digital work.



Rights and Responsibilities



In Personal Development we will...

- Learn about taking care of ourselves and others.
- Looking after our things and the environment around us.
- Begin to understand about money – what it is, what we use it for and how to look after it safely.

In Music we will...

- Continue to take part in music technology and instrumental lessons with our specialist teacher – Mrs Fathers.



PE: Attack, Return, Shoot

With Coach Alhaji we will...

- Recognise and follow the rules.
- Use simple strategies for invasion games.
- Explain the reasons why we enjoy exercise.



PE: Gymnastics

With the class teachers we will..

- Build on the gymnastic actions and shapes we learnt in the Autumn term.
- Create and perform longer movement sequences using apparatus.



Christianity: Easter – Palm Sunday

In RE we will...

- Explore how Jesus is special to Christians.
- Explain how Jesus' welcome on Palm Sunday shows how he is special.

