

What are we learning about?

In Literacy, the Key Stage 1 children will be studying rhyming poetry (focused on traditional rhymes and the work of poets such as Michael Rosen) and will be writing their own exciting space stories!

In addition to their phonics study (see attached overview, Reception parents!), the Reception children will be introduced to the magic of the 'Drawing Club'. Children love a club, and the 'Drawing Club' harnesses this enthusiasm in a literary manner! The approach essentially uses an exciting book to immerse children into a magic world of tales and story whilst at the same time enriching their language skills, developing their fine motor and spending time together in a group with their teacher.

In History, the children will be studying the first moon landings. We will learn all about Neil Armstrong and his crew, the race to be the first person on the moon and discover exactly what it means to be an astronaut and travel into space!

In Science this term, we are studying seasonal changes. We will learn all about the seasons and get out into our own environment over the coming weeks, to learn 'hands on' about the transition from Summer to Autumn.

In Maths, the Reception children will learn to carefully count using skills such as assigning one number name to every object counted, counting every object only once and recognising that the final number counted is also the total number of objects. Key stage one children will also be focusing on careful counting with a more in depth study and understanding of numbers to 20.

In computing, we are learning about technology all around us as well as our usual high focus on online safety.

Our P.E focus this term will be based around ball skills. We will be learning to control a ball using our hands and feet - essential skills for many of the fun games we intend to play over the coming year!

As French linguists we will be recalling and learning numbers up to 12 in French and playing games to use and recognise them. We also be securing our knowledge of colours and learning a wider range of colours. We will greet each other in French and ensure we know the days of the week. We will be using our listening, speaking, reading and writing skills alongside singing songs.

As musicians we will be learning songs about Space. We will also explore long and short sounds using voices, body percussion and instruments to create effects. We will listen to music and draw what it makes us imagine, we will listen to music and move to show how it makes us feel. We will describe the sounds we hear and make and discuss timbre, duration and pitch. We will compose music to represent space, stars and the journey of a rocket ship.

In Art, the children will be studying the work of the sculptor Henry Moore. They will then have lot of fun using clay to sculpt a face!

In R.E, the children will be base their learning around the key questions: 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?'

In Reception, the children will base their learning around the key question 'where do we belong?'

Every week, we will learn about the British Values of: mutual respect and tolerance, individual liberty, democracy, the rule of law and through exploring the weekly news and learning about relevant local, national and international issues. This is our 'Picture News' curriculum.