



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1



This half term our topics are: **Could Sunny live in the North Pole? How are humans different from Meerkats?**

English

For English we will be using a range of texts to develop different writing styles. We will be writing:

- List poems
- Description
- Narrative stories
- Information texts

Our grammar focus continues to be on capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and adjectives. We will continue to develop the children's handwriting by practicing all of the letters in both lower and upper case.

Key Vocabulary: Please see the Common Exception Words sheet.

Phonics

Each week we will be reading texts and developing our reading skills.

Over this half term our core texts will be:

- Meerkat Mail
- DK Very Important Animals Information Book
- Luke 2 – Jesus lost in the temple

Please see the Gsuite site for copies of our core texts.

The children will continue to have Phonics lessons 3 times a week to build up their reading ability.

Please read with your child and write in the reading record book.

Maths

For Maths we will be studying

- One more and one less than any given number to 20.
- Ordering and comparing numbers to 10.
- Counting on and back from 0-50 and any number within this range.
- Addition of one-digit numbers and one-digit and two-digit numbers.
- Recognising, finding and naming half of a quantity.
- Using the terms half and double in the context of measurement.
- Counting in 2s to 50.
- Ordering events in a day.

Key Vocabulary: quick, slow, earlier, later, before, next, after, morning, afternoon, evening, order, compare, double, half

Science

For Science we will be learning to:

- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- Work scientifically by asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways

Key Vocabulary:

Senses, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, classify,

Geography

For Geography we will be studying

- the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.
- The features of hot and cold places including the animals and plants that can be found there.

Key Vocabulary: Equator, North Pole, South Pole, desert, continents, Africa, Antarctica, Europe, features

Art & Design

For Art & Design we will be studying

- The primary and secondary colours and how to make them.
- The warm and cool colours and what feelings we might get from the different colour.
- We will be using our painting skills to create desert pictures using warm and cool colours.

Key Vocabulary: primary colour, secondary colour, mixing, red, yellow, blue, purple, orange, green, warm, cool, feelings

Computing

For Computing we will be studying

How to make an eBook using JIT from J2E.

- Computer keyboard layout and mouse control.
- Logging in to the school network.
- Logging in to LGfL and J2E
- Using a program to paint and write.
- Save and open documents.

Key Vocabulary: technology, computer, mouse/trackpad, keyboard, screen, click, double-click, drag, shift, space bar, enter

R.E

For R.E we will be studying

Special people in our homes, school, communities and in church.

We will be identifying the people who help us celebrate Mass.

Key Vocabulary: altar server, eucharistic minister, offertory, collection, bible

Music

For Music we will be studying:

The different categories of instruments and naming some instruments within each category.

Developing our musical ears.

Key Vocabulary: woodwind, percussion, string, brass, keyboard

P.E

For P.E we will be studying: Fitness

- Understanding how exercise makes our body feel.
- How exercise makes you healthy.
- How exercise relates to breathing.
- How exercise helps the brain and muscles
- Understanding the importance of daily exercise.

Key Vocabulary: stamina, stability, strength, coordination, perseverance, reflection

Homework Project:

Research a place in the world. What animals live there? What plants grow there? Is it a hot or cold place? Which continent is it in? How can you get there?