



Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 1 Autumn Term 1 2023

English

Our focus texts will be "A stroll through the Seasons" and "Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn". We will share the texts, discuss new vocabulary and write simple sentences focusing on the joy of the changing seasons. We will concentrate on pencil grip and letter formation.

We will share stories and poems daily, developing our comprehension skills and a love of language.

We will begin our "Little Wandle" phonics programme concentrating on phase 3 and 4 revision.

We will be working on letter formation of lower case and upper case letters.

Physical Education

This half term we are recognising how yoga makes us feel, physically and mentally and remembering yoga poses. We will also be focusing on basic skills such as running, balance and co-ordination.

PE days are Thursday and Friday.

Homework

Practise our weekly phonic sounds and reading books. Share a range of stories at home. Observing autumn-taking photos to share at school and collecting autumn treasures, e.g. leaves, conkers

Music

We will be learning how to keep a steady beat and looking at long and short sounds. We will discuss how music makes us feel and why.

Science, Geography, Art

Plants and Trees Seasonal change

In our science work, we will use the local environment to observe plants and trees. We will name common flowers and deciduous and evergreen trees. We will learn about the structure of plants and begin to work scientifically making observations, grouping objects, and drawing simple diagrams.

In our geography work, we will be learning about different seasons and observing changes in weather over the half term.

In art, we will be looking at the work of Yayoi Kusama and how many different ways we can create dots in different scales. Once we have explored that, we will be creating our own spotty collages and moving onto making ourselves dotty.

We will also be using pencils, learning to work on line, tone and shading, linked to observational drawings of leaves.

Mathematics and Computing

This half term we will be working on place value involving:-

- Sorting, counting and grouping objects and being able to explain pattern in what they see (subitising)
- Learning to count, read and write numbers to 10.
- Using tens frames.

In computing, we will be looking at Purple Mash and learning how to keep safe on-line.

PSHE and RE

Developing our class rules and expectations. Learning to talk about our feelings and caring for others. Thinking about which books are special to religious believers and looking at stories from them.

Key Vocabulary

-plant, tree, flower, deciduous, evergreen, structure
-seasons autumn, winter, spring, summer, weather, change
- more, less, larger, smaller, less than, more than, equal to
-caring, kindness, family, respect, celebrate, same/different
Yayoi Kusama. dots, scale, collage,