Enalish

We will begin by reading 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children will develop descriptive language through the use of fantasy settings as well as working on characterisation and emotional responses to texts. Children will develop their understanding of narrative structure and apply this within their own writing.

After this, the children will be reading Poems to perform. Children will listen to poems from this collection throughout the sequence; expressing interest and preferences and making choices for their own class anthologies on a preferred theme. The children will engage in recital and expressive performance. They will explore vivid imagery to inspire a creative response and interesting use of language to play around with and extend interest in the meaning of words which the children will use to compose their own poetry

SPaG

Children will use capital letters for people, places, days of the week and the personal pronoun I (inc days of the week and months of the year). Children will learn how to use familiar and new punctuation correctly (full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks). Additionally, they will join words and clauses using 'and', use commas to separate items in a list and use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (e.g. the blue butterfly).

Maths

We will make sure to assess children's current attainment and address any gaps there may be from the Year 1 curriculum.

Children will develop understanding that 10 is one group of ten, 20 is two groups of ten, etc. They will then use 'dual counting' to count in groups of ten, saying 'no tens, one ten, two tens, three tens...' as well as 'Zero, ten, twenty, thirty...' Building on this, children will count in multiples of ten, to add and subtract ten from a multiple of ten. They will apply ordinal knowledge and number facts within then, to understand the position of multiples of ten in the number system, and addition and subtraction of multiples of ten.

For the next unit, children will learn about the addition of three or more single-digit numbers in the context of both aggregation (e.g., if Sarah has 3 pencils and Tom has 2, how many pencils are there altogether?) and augmentation (e.g., There is a crate containing 5 bottles, 4 more are added. How many bottles will the crates have now?) They will understand the importance of the laws of commutativity and associativity in the context of adding three or more numbers. Children will practise applying written and mental strategies for the addition of three or more addends, using partitioning, commutativity and associativity.

Science - Does everything live in a house?

The children will spend time grouping things by whether they were living, non-living or dead. We will work together to create rules and characteristics to help us sort things into these groups. We will take this learning out of the classroom and hunt around the school groups, putting the things we find into one of three groups.

Children will learn about habitats and how they provide for the basic needs of life. They will then learn to identify common plants, animals and insects in our school grounds. We will learn about microhabitats and how each creature is perfectly suited for its own habitat. The children will research a habitat for a chosen animal and use their acquired knowledge to build a mini version of this habitat. The children will also learn about food chains and learn to recognise them within habitats in our local grounds.

You could explore your local environment, choose one living thing that you find and help your child create a food chain that it could be part of.

Information and Reminders

- ★ Please could you make sure that your child has their reading planner in school every day?
- ★ Children can collect a range of rewards for reading frequently at home! Please sign your child's reading record every time you read with them to help them to gain their tallies.
- ★ Please check that your child brings their water bottle into school each day.

PE days2RC: Monday & Wednesday 2HC: Wednesday & Friday.

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Topic - History

School in the past

In this unit the children will Correctly order and date four photographs on a timeline and add some dates. Ask questions about schools in the past.

Make comparisons between schools in the past and present. Use sources to research and develop an understanding of what schools were like 100 years ago. Identify the features of a classroom now and a classroom 100 years ago, identifying some similarities and differences.

State whether they would have preferred to go to school in the past or not and explain why.

RE - Who is a Muslim and how do they live?- Part 1

In this unit children will learn about Muslims belief in Allah as the one true God (tawhid.). How the Shahadah expresses Muslim belief (iman); when, how and why Muslims use it. • How Muslims use 99 Names for Allah to help them understand Allah better; They will find out about the use of calligraphy. Children will learn about Muhammad as God's messenger; explore stories of what the Prophet said and did and that they are very important in Islam. They will frind out about the message given to Muhammad by exploring the story of the first revelation he received of the Holy Qur'an on the 'Night of Power'. The children will have an opportunity to visit a local Mosque.

PSHCE

In PSHCE, children will be negotiating rules to start our school year. They will then focus on 'Happy Friendships'. We will focus on; characteristics, friendships, personal boundaries, safe/unsafe situations, unwanted touch and feeling worried/unsafe in school.

PE and Sport Fundamentals

Children will develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. Pupils will be given opportunities to work with a range of different equipment.

Invasion

Children will develop their understanding of invasion games and the principles of defending and attacking. They use and develop skill such as sending and receiving with both feet and hands, as well as dribbling with both feet and hands.

At home, please encourage your child to be active for the recommended daily amount.

Computing

This half term, children will look at a range of issues regarding e-safety. We will discover how useful the internet can be when used correctly and learn how to use the internet safely to find out information. The children will also learn how computers can be used for communication with family and friends safely.

In coding, we will be writing code for a specific outcome and debugging to overcome any issues.

MFL- I'm learning French

In this unit the children will locate France, Paris and a few key cities on a map. They will say their name and how they are feeling. They will learn up to 10 colours and count from 1-10 in French

DT - What makes a healthy lunch?

In this unit children will be finding out about a balanced diet, evaluating products, planning, designing, making and evaluating a healthy packed lunch.

Music

Ourselves- (Exploring sounds)

Discover ways to use voices to describe feelings and moods. Explore, create and perform vocal sounds and notate pitch duration building performance.

(Cross curricular link- English/PSHE)

Toys- (Beat)

Move and play to a steady beat and sequences of sounds.

Learn to control and change tempo as they take a scooter ride.

(Cross curricular link-PSHE)

Classical Musician Focus

Kerry Andrew- No Place Like (BBC Ten Pieces)