

English

Speaking and listening

The children will learn to use sequencing language to order events, orally rehearse in preparation for writing, speak with clarity, use intonation when reading and reciting texts, and when reading own writing aloud. Children will begin to use voice, gesture or movement, in role play and improvisation and discuss word meanings.

Writing

The children will learn to write lists and labels, poetry and simple story sentences using patterned language, words, adjectives and repetitive phrases taken from the books Jasper's Beanstalk, Puffin Peter and Gruffalo Crumble.

Reading

Children will be taught in small groups and as a class within daily Guided Reading sessions; they will bring books home to practice their reading skills and also have access to Bug Club books for their phonics.

Phonics

Daily lessons in Year 1, targeted to their phonics phase.

The reading and spelling of common and tricky words will continue using word ladders. We need your help to support teaching staff by practicing these and hearing readers in school.

Year 1 – Autumn A

'All About Animals'



Geography

The children will be thinking about where they live. We will use Google Earth and create a passport.

History

The children will explore toys they have today and how they were different in the past. They will learn about chronology by adding what they learn to a timeline.

Could you share any toys they might be keen to see?

Mathematics

This half term the children will be learning to count, read and write numbers within 10.

Children will be introduced to a range of strategies to compare and order numbers and objects, find one more / one less, estimate accurately, sequence numbers and objects; including using ordinal numbers (e.g. first, second and third etc.) within 10.

Children will then use the 'part, part, whole' model to find and investigate pairs of numbers which make 10 (i.e. number bonds).

Computing

The children will find out about technology all around them, and learn more about computers and how to use them.

They will learn about staying safe online.

Art and Design

At the start of Year 1, the children will learn sketching techniques- using lines of different thickness to add texture and detail.

Children will then learn to select colours carefully when completing a drawing; colouring neatly within the lines.

Children will complete a self-portrait.

The children will learn to select appropriate materials to create a large-scale collage, using glue to secure these materials.

They will use modelling materials to create models of animals they are learning about.

Science

The children will focus on the skills needed to be a good scientist. They will explore how to group animals, sorting them according to their diet, features and habitat. They will then discuss and explore whether these animals would make a good pet.

Music

We love singing at the Grove, and hope the children will come home and share some songs with you. They will learn to create rhythms, identify beats and sing songs, following a melody!

RE

Children will explore how we show our appreciation and thanks for the natural world and care for others e.g. through charity and Harvest.

The children will then compare and explore the similarities and differences of how different religions show their appreciation for the natural world focusing on how Harvest is celebrated, including the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

Important Dates

Thursday 17th September – Year 1 Curriculum Evening and meet the teacher

Wednesday 7th October – Food Collection for Harvest

Thursday 8th October – School photos

Friday 9th October – Visit to Whipsnade Zoo

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October – Parent Teacher Consultations

Forest Schools - at all times the children are taught to observe seasonal changes in the natural world.

This term the outdoor learning focus will be the observation and locating and identifying local habitats and microhabitats.

The children will create an animal art using materials from the forest floor.

PE

Busy Fingers

We will continue to provide activities to support fine motor skills throughout this term.

Gymnastics

The children continue to build upon the skills taught in Reception in carrying and using equipment safely. They will learn and practice balancing, jumping and making shapes with their bodies. They will build strength and control.

Games

The children will continue to develop throwing and catching skills with different balls. And then how to control balls with their feet and begin to dribble, pass and keep possession.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw theme is Being Me in My World. The children will learn how to help others to feel welcome and how to make the school a safe environment in which to learn. They will discuss and explore each individual's right to learn, care about other people's feelings and how to work well with others. This will be consolidated within a class charter which all children will sign and agree to follow.

Whole School Value: Respect

We are fair, tolerant, caring, polite.