



Year 1 Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term



Maths

Year 1 will explore the Place Value of numbers to 10 and develop the ability to recognise digits as words. In addition and subtraction they will be introduced to the part-whole model and learn number bonds to 10. Children will begin to recognise, name and sort 3D shapes.

Literacy

Year 1 will begin by studying 'The Place Value of Punctuation' which will allow them to secure their understanding of sentence construction. They will then write descriptive sentences based on the traditional tale 'Three Billy Goats Gruff.' In the second half of Autumn children will write a narrative linked to the text 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival.

Religious Education

The first RE topic is 'Families' during which children will learn about God's love for everyone. They will then learn about the sacrament of Baptism during the topic 'Belonging' and how this is an invitation to God's family. During the Season of Advent children will understand this is a time to look forward to Christmas in the topic of 'Waiting.'

Science

Year 1 will begin the year with 'All about animals' during which they will learn about the difference between mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. In Autumn 2 the topic is 'All about me' during which they will learn about sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell.

History

During Autumn 1 the children will answer the question 'Why was Queen Elizabeth II important to our country?' and find out about her childhood, experiences during war and her family. In Autumn 2 children will answer the question 'What has changed from when our grandparents / great-grandparents were younger in comparison to now?'

Geography

The first question the children will answer is 'How do the features of a city affect life within it?' They will look at the city of Newcastle and explore the types of land transport here. In Autumn 2 children will answer the question 'How is living in the countryside different to living in a city?' The children will compare the village of Rookhope to Assisi in the Italian countryside.

Physical Education

In Autumn 1 children will take part in Gymnastics lessons focused on wide, narrow and curled movements. During Autumn 2 children will build upon the Ball Skills developed in Reception working on throwing and catching.

Music

In Autumn 1 the topic is 'My Musical Heartbeat' during which children will learn that every piece of music has a heartbeat called the pulse or the beat. The class will develop the ability to keep the pulse or steady beat together by clapping, marching and swaying. In Autumn 2 during 'Dance, Sing and Play' children will study the rhythm and pitch of music.

Art

In Art Year 1 will create 'Marvellous Marks' using different line types and mark making techniques in drawing. They will enhance their ability to describe lines and control a range of drawing materials. In Autumn 2 Year 1 will take part in 'Paint my World' during which they will explore colour mixing with paint.

Design and Technology

Year 1 will be designing and creating their own smoothies. Children will describe fruits and vegetables and explain how to identify fruits. They will name a range of places that fruits and vegetables grow as well as describing basic characteristics of fruit and vegetables. The class will then prepare fruits and vegetables to make a smoothie.