

Key Stage 1 Newsletter - Autumn Term 1

Topic: Enchanted Forest



English

In English in Year 1, developing language and creative thinking through a variety of stories and animations. We will be looking at the storybook favourites 'Where The Wild Things Are' and 'The Foggy Foggy Forest', the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Hansel and Gretel', and the animations 'Willo the Wisp' and 'Masha and the Bear'.

In English in Year 2, the children will be looking at the stories 'The House that Once was' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children will develop their own stories based on these.

Maths

In Year 1 children will begin year one by focusing on number. We will develop the recognition of numerals alongside the written word for number names and count on and back from different starting points. We will sort and count groups of objects and use concrete objects, pictures, ten frames, number lines and part-whole models to help us. We will introduce addition and subtraction within 10 using a range of practical methods and jottings. We will also be learning about 3D shapes.

In Year 2, the children will be also be focusing on number to start with, looking at numbers to 100. We will continue to use lots of resources to make numbers in lots of different ways so that they become really secure with their understanding of place value of 2-digit numbers. We will also be learning more about 3D shapes.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at habitats. The children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. They will also explore microhabitats. They will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain.

Geography

In Geography the children will be exploring our local area. They will be using atlases maps and aerial photos to find our school and Biggleswade on a map. They will be creating their own maps of our school grounds. They will look at compass directions, locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

PSHE

In PSHE we are exploring the theme of relationships. We will look at families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family. We are continuing to remind ourselves that we should respect those differences and the characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences.

R.E

The children will be looking at the unit '**What do Christians believe God is like?**'. In this unit they will look at stories from the bible and think about how Christians show their beliefs.

Music

In Music, we are exploring the theme of the carnival of animals. We will be singing, use a range of percussion instruments and perform in front of an audience.

Computing

In Computing children are learning about the importance of internet safety. Children will explore why it is important to keep passwords safe and how to gain support if they feel unsafe when online.

Art

In Art the focus this half-term is exploring different materials for mark making. They will have opportunities to use a variety of materials including, chalk, charcoal and pastels.

P.E.

In PE this term we will be looking at key skills we will need throughout the year such as throwing and catching, working together, changing speed when running, moving into a space and being aware of others around us. Children will use these skills to support them in playing target games.

P.E. Days

Cherry - Monday and Thursday

Hazel - Thursday and Friday

Rowan - Tuesday and Wednesday