

Year 1/2 Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2024

Welcome back to a new year in Big Acorns Class. I was very much looking forward to seeing the children after the summer break. The overarching topic for this term will be '**Superheroes**' with a breakdown of each topic area below. We have started the year with a reminder of our Citizenship Values of Honesty, Respect and Kindness, and what these might look like in and around our school and community; whilst also discussing what sort of learners we are going to be following our Learners Values of Independence, Resilience, Inquisitiveness and Collaboration. As always, please do not hesitate to catch me after school if you wish to discuss something or contact the office to make an appointment. Thank you for your continued support.

English

Writing:

To begin the half term, we will write about people who we view as our superheroes. We will then be looking at a range of books where a superhero is the main character. These books include 'Supertato', 'Super Worm' and 'Super Frog.' We will be re-enacting the stories, sequencing the main events, creating story boards and eventually retelling them in our own words. We will also be writing character descriptions and captions.

Reading:

Year 2 will have a minimum of three reading sessions a week. This will involve a range of different types of reading activities based around a particular book. These activities will include finding words and phrases within their text and thinking about what these words mean. The children will complete comprehension activities, focusing on basic retrieval, inference, sequencing and prediction.

Children will bring a colour banded book home each week.

Year 1 will continue with the *Little Wandle* scheme. They will read three times in school focusing on fluency, prosody and comprehension. They will then bring this book home to read.

Children will bring home a library book in addition to their school book.

Science

This half term our focus will be 'Animal Lifecycles'. We will be looking at how we know if something is alive, no longer alive or has never been alive, the lifecycles of different animals including humans, habitats (where different animals live and why they live there) and also food chains.



PE

This half term the focus is Fundamentals and team building. In Fundamentals, we will be learning to balance, move in different directions and speeds and join shapes and jumps. Teamwork will involve co-operating and communicating in small groups to solve problems.

RE

This half term our RE will be based on the concept of 'Thanking'. We will be thinking about what we are thankful for and how Christians show their thanks through 'Harvest.'

Maths

Place Value

We will be focussing on representing a range of numbers in different ways e.g. using numicon, bead strings, diennes, bar models, part cherry models, pictorial and abstract. We will be finding one more, one less and ten more/ten less than different numbers. We will be estimating where numbers belong on a number line based on their place value and ordering and comparing numbers using the words greater than and less than and $< > =$.

Addition and Subtraction

We will be adding and subtracting numbers using objects, pictorially and mentally.

Art/ DT

We will be finding out about the artist Andy Warhol and creating a range of Pop Art in his style. This will involve action words, logos and repeated patterns.

Music

We will be listening to a range of music, looking at duration and structure.

PSHE

Our focus this half term will begin by creating a set of rules for the classroom. Then our main topic will be **Family & Relationships**. We will be focusing on family, friendships, other people's feelings, getting along with others, friendship problems, gender stereotypes and change and loss.

Reminders and Events...

Homework

Children will be given Year 1/Year 2 common exception words to learn through the course of Autumn 1. They will not be given a weekly spelling test but will be tested during the last week of term.

Maths will be set each week – this will vary between fluency activities, problem solving and online learning programmes such as Numbots, TTRS and Top Marks games.

Key Dates

PE days- Tuesdays and Wednesdays