

Autumn 1 Topic Map

English

Traditional tales, fairy tales and plays.

Interview questions for grandparents about toys.

Information books about toys.

Mathematics

Counting and sequences, mental addition.

Money and time, measures and shapes.

Addition and subtraction, doubling and halving.

Science

Which materials should the Three Little Pigs have used to build their own houses?

The children will test materials to find out about their properties.

Toys

Are modern toys more fun than Grandma and Grandad's?

History

Why is the iPad more fun than Grandma and Grandad's old toys?

This topic teaches the children about changes in living memory when grandparents were young.

Geography

How the seasons and weather affect people

Computing

We are treasure hunters

The children will use programmable toys such as a Bee-Bot app by inputting a sequence of instructions.

Art and Design

Design a moving toy

DT

The children will design and make a traditional moving toy linked with our history topic about toys.

PE

Perform dances relating to toys coming alive.

Warrington Wolves - Rugby Skills.

Music

The children will be performing, composing and appraising different music.

Half Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 1 - Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break to another school year. The children have made an excellent start in Year 1 and have made a very smooth transition from Reception. I am pleased to provide you with information about what the children will be covering in the different subjects during the first half of the Autumn term. We have a new curriculum beginning this academic year. If you wish to know more about it, visit the DfE website for more information. See overleaf for the topic map for this half term. Mrs Roberts will continue to cover PPA time in class, working on Spanish, grammar and punctuation and mental maths.

RE Topics for the Autumn Term

Families

The children will learn that everyone belongs to the family of God.

Belonging

The children will learn that Baptism enables people to belong to God's family in a special way.

Waiting

The children will learn that Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus.

Concerns and messages

If you have any concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to come in and see me at the end of the school day. Any messages in the morning can be left with a Teaching Assistant on the door in the morning and they will be passed directly to me.

Reading

In line with our school policy the children will develop their reading in class throughout the week through shared reading and guided reading sessions and I shall be monitoring their reading progress carefully each week with my own records.

The reading records are for parents to record your child's reading at home. We ask all our Infant children to read for 15 minutes each night. Although I will be keeping my own record of your child's reading progress it would be really helpful if you could make comments in your child's reading record book each time they read, to let me know how they have coped with a book at home. Home reading records are checked and once a week their home reading is acknowledged and a target will be highlighted in the book.

If your child reads any other reading material as well as their reading book from school please also make a note of it in their reading record. The home reading record is also a good way to make contact with me if you wish to send me a message and cannot get into school.

Healthy School Initiative

As part of the healthy school initiative, we will continue to encourage the children to be active at playtimes. Children will be encouraged to drink water throughout the day, therefore it is important that the children have their bottles in everyday! It makes it easier for the children if the bottles have a sports top, as it would prevent any unnecessary spillage. Healthy snack days will continue to be Monday to Thursday and the children will be given the opportunity to eat their snacks during morning playtimes. Infant children receive a free piece of fruit during afternoon playtime.

Homework

- Literacy homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be handed in the following Monday.
- Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday.
- Maths homework will be given out on a Tuesday and is to be handed in on Friday of the same week.
- Reading - Each child should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per night and complete their reading records.