

RE and Spiritual Development

Our RE this term will be understanding what stories are and the stories that Jesus told including the Lost Sheep and the Good Samaritan. We will consider the meaning of these and understand why Jesus used stories to teach people. In the second half of term, Year 1 will think about the school's name and learn about the life and work of St Alfege.

As a class, we will pray together at the end of each day with a hope that your children will become confident in prayer and grow a love for it.

Maths

This term in Maths, we will be mastering number to build fluency and confidence in reading number facts. We will be learning about place value to include ones; tens and hundreds building confidence to accurately read and understand numbers. Once place value has been securely established, year 1 will use this to develop the skills of addition and subtraction. For all of our Maths learning, the children will use objects and pictures to help support their learning. We will also practise writing out numbers correctly ensuring that numbers are formed correctly.

English, Phonics and Reading

During English this term, we will be focusing on our transcription skills. These are the skills needed to write given sentences using phonics to spell, handwriting rules to form letters and the correct grammar. We will be applying these skills to write sentences about our class books-the first being: Noah's Ark. Phonics and fluency reading practice will continue to be a priority, as in reception, to ensure that your children become fluent and confident readers. We will review and recap phase three and four phonemes and graphemes applying these to word and sentence reading and writing. Then we will move on to phase 5. Every Friday your child will bring home a reading book for pleasure. This is for you to share and enjoy to encourage a love for reading which will be further encouraged by our termly visits to the library. Please prioritise reading with your child as it will have such a big impact on their immediate and future learning.

Computing

We start the year by thinking about technology around us. This will focus on fundamental skills such as using a mouse, navigating a keyboard, and knowing how to use different technology carefully and responsibly.



Class Teachers : Miss Prince and Miss Wade

PHSE

Our first PSHE unit this year will be My Healthy Self where we will learn about how to look after our emotions. In the second half of the autumn term our unit is Connecting with Others and we will think about how we can help each other to feel happy and safe.

Music

In music this term, Year 1 will be introduced to the genre of rap music through some child friendly and engaging rap songs. Through these songs, Year 1 will learn how to improvise using their voices and percussion instruments.

Science

Our first science unit this term is Everyday Materials where we will explore the properties of common materials including wood, plastic, fabric and metal.

Our second unit is seasonal changes where we will learn about autumn, winter, spring and summer

Geography

In the second half term we will focus on Geography, where our topic will explore map skills. This will involve looking at maps of the local area and pinpointing familiar landmarks such as our school. We will use simple locational and directional language for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features on a simple map. We will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds and the key human and physical features we will also create our own maps of our school.

PE

In Year 1 the children have two PE sessions each week. Our PE sessions will take place every Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. On Monday's children need to come to school in their full school uniform and bring their PE kits in their bag. We will get changed into our PE kits and go home on Monday in our kits.

On Thursday's children can come to school in their PE kits. Please ensure they have a full school uniform in their bag as they will change into their school uniform after the PE lesson. Please ensure that **every** item of clothing is labelled with your child's name to help the children to identify their belongings. Our PE topics in the autumn term will explore **ball skills** and **dance**.

Art and Design and Technology

In the first half term Year 1 will focus on art. Our topic will be drawing where we will think about what drawing is, where they see drawing in the world around them and how they can use different things to draw with. We will also develop our analysing skills, considering what we like and dislike giving reasons why and what works well and why.

In the second half term Year 1 will focus on design and technology. Our topic will explore simple mechanisms through making moving pictures. We will use our fine motor skills such as cutting and gluing. We will also be thinking about what we want our pictures to be of and how we might use slides and levers (using split pins) to make them move.

Oracy

Oracy is a whole school focus and is incorporated throughout the children's learning.

High quality oracy learning, not only improves children's academic achievements, but also their confidence and well-being.

During Topical talk every Tuesday, the children work in set groups of three, to think deeply about a topic question, share their ideas and respond to the ideas of others. During these sessions, the children learn a range of conversation strategies, that help them to develop their listening, responding and speaking skills.

History

In the first half term the children will learn about history. Our topic is 'The history of toys within living memory'. In these lessons we learn about events and objects of the past and present. We will learn about what toys are and how they have changed since the 1940's including what materials they were made out of and how the toys worked. We will explore toys from each decade placing them in chronological order.

In our history lessons we will focus on the following keywords; old, new, past, present, decade, tin, plastic, wood and digital.

Reminders

Water bottles: Everyday

PE Kit: Monday and Thursday

Book changes: Every Friday

Punctuality: Being on time to school is very important for the children. The class with the highest punctuality each week, wins the Punctuality Trophy!

Clothing: Please ensure all items of clothing have the children's names

Library visit: Tuesday 29th September All parents are welcome to join us to visit East Greenwich Library.

Trips: This term we are planning 2 trips, one to the Greenwich Fire Station and one to the theatre. More details to follow.