

Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term – 2022

Year 1

English

We listen to stories or poems every day and have opportunities to reread our favourites. We choose a book from our class library each week to share at home. Please return your books every Friday to change.

We have a phonics and reading lesson every day. In phonics we learn to read and write words and sentences using letter sounds. We will spend the first six weeks consolidating our knowledge of the first 44 sounds and applying them. Alongside this we will be learning alternative ways of making the same sounds. E.g. 'ai' as in snail, 'ay' as in play and 'a-e' as in cake.

We have daily handwriting and writing. We will be ensuring correct formation of all letters and writing a sequence of simple sentences to produce our own stories and reports.

Physical Education

P.E lessons are every Monday! For gymnastics we are learning to perform sequences of rolls, jumps and balances. In Dance we will be performing movement to music whilst focusing on speed, levels and directions. In Games we are learning skills to help us attack and defend.

Homework begins 23rd Sept

Please read for 10 minutes every day and look at letter sounds, word lists, tricky word stars, reading book and library book. Please check Google Classroom page and your child's school bag for further homework. There will be one activity most weeks.

Music & French

In Music we will be finding the beat and performing our own simple rhythms and melodies. We will also learn a range of songs to help us celebrate events. In French we will begin to use simple salutations as well as numbers and colour names.

Science, History, Geography, Art and DT

In Science, we are considering what weather we are likely to expect in each season and what changes happen within these too. We will be investigating the weather and learning to identify a range of evergreen and deciduous trees.

In Geography, we are looking at our school and surrounding area. Children will be exploring the features of the school site in terms of physical and human features. We will be exploring aerial photos, maps and plans of familiar places and creating our own.

In History children will be finding out about what school was like in the past. We will also be learning facts about the history of our own school here at St Margaret's.

Art this term is all about the study of line. We will be exploring mark making and drawing lines using a range of media and emulating the work of Paul Klee, Jason Gathorne Hardy and Agnes Cecile. For D.T. we will be exploring and creating slides and levers in order to make our own moving pictures.

Mathematics

For Maths our main focus is on our understanding of numbers from 0 to 10. We will be learning to partition them into tens and ones using a range of practical equipment to help. We will represent numbers using tens frames and part-part-whole models. It's important that we can state 1 more and 1 less than a given number and can compare numbers using < > and = signs. Our calculation work will be recalling addition and subtraction facts to 10 and solving problems using these operations.

3D and 2D shape names will be revised and we'll be learning about the properties of common shapes and sorting them. We will also be creating and describing patterns made with shapes.

RE and PSHE

In RE children will be exploring the question 'Who made the world?' This will have a Christian focus on The Creation. After half term we'll be learning about faith communities of Christians, Muslims and Jewish people. In PSHE, we will be considering questions such as what helps me learn, what helps me feel calm, why I am unique. We'll explore a range of feelings in ourselves and others.

Trips

We are planning a day trip to the Black Country Museum to experience a school lesson 100 years ago. More details to follow soon!