

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2023

Our theme for Autumn 2 is: Inspirational Occupations



Our main focuses are:

- To learn about a range of different jobs, what they entail, the skills you need and the different workplaces they take place in.
- To identify some significant people from the past such as: Amelia Earhart, Mary Seacole and Coco Chanel and learn about why they are so important.

Our topic will last for:

- 8 weeks (plus one week for Black History Week—w/b. 23/10/23).

Key Dates:

Monday 23rd October—School opens.
Monday 30th October & Thursday 2nd November—Parents' and Carers' Evening
Friday 24th November—School closed for staff training.
Thursday 7th December—Curve Trip
Monday 11th pm & Tuesday 12th am December—Nativity
Thursday 21st December—Last day of term

P.S.H.E

As we explore our topics, we will be thinking about:

- What does unique mean?
- What makes people unique?
- How are we all unique?



Behaviour and Safety

This term we will be thinking about bullying and understanding what it is as well as what we can do to stop it.



Computing

The children will be:

- Learning how to log in to Seesaw
- Learning how to create a picture on Seesaw
- Using the text and microphone tools
- Looking at how to save and find our work.

P.E

To keep us fit and healthy during the Autumn term we will be learning the skills required for team games: balance, moving and travelling in different directions, ball handling and team work. We will also be looking at different types of equipment used in a range of sports and games.

English:

Novel Study: Fantastically Great Women who changed the world.



In Week 1, we will be celebrating Black History, learning about the important contributions of black people throughout history. In Week 2, we will look at Coco Chanel. We will design an outfit and think about the features of instructions to tell people how to make the outfit. Can you give your friend some instructions to make a sandwich?

In Week 3, we will be learning about Amelia Earhart and our text type will be a setting description as we think about different places that she travelled to.

Week 4 will see us learning some famous poems. We will be thinking about rhythm and rhyme.

During weeks 5 and 6, we will be learning about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We will think carefully about what Mary Seacole would have done in her role and how she would have felt. We will then use this information to write a diary entry from her perspective. Can you write a diary about what you did yesterday? Remember to use 'I' and write in the past tense!

During weeks 7 and 8, we will be preparing for Christmas using the book 'The Jolly Postman' to write (and post) letters to Santa. What will you ask him for? We will also be retelling the story of 'The Bear and the Hare'.

Science

We shall be exploring:

- The parts of the human body.
- How senses link to different body parts.
- The different parts of a tree and whether trees are evergreen or deciduous.



History

We will study:

- The famous pilot Amelia Earhart and her achievements.
- The roles of doctors and nurses in the past and present. We will learn about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.

Music

Pupils will continue to use the Charanga Music scheme in which they will learn about rhythm; exploring how words and their syllables can be used to create rhythms and help maintain a pulse.



Mathematics:

The areas we will be covering are:



- Number bonds to 10 and then to 20. Do you know any number bonds to 10 already? $5 + \square = 10$ $\square + 3 = 10$ A great game to practise this can be found here: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn some great songs to help us with this!
- Days of the week and months of the year. We will be looking at how to spell the days of the weeks and months of the year and knowing the order that they are in. Do you know which month your birthday is in?
- Mass and weight. We will be looking at how to measure the weight of different objects using scales. Can you weigh an object at home and tell your grown up how much it weighs?
- Finding and naming $1/2$ and $1/4$ of objects, shapes and amounts. Can you share a pizza into 2 parts? Can you share a cake into 4?



Art

In Art, we will be considering what an artist is and we will learn about some famous artists, such as Monet, and their styles. Do you know any famous artists? We will compare pieces of art and share our opinions on them.



Design and Technology (D.T.)

In D.T., we will be giving the children a range of opportunities to develop their creative skills as well as helping them plan, design and evaluate their own work. Children will get the chance to create an aeroplane, inspired by Amelia Earhart!



R.E.

This term we will be learning about the Holy Trinity and what it means. We will look at how Christians follow Jesus, what a miracle is and what miracles Christians believe that Jesus performed. Towards the end of the term, we will learn about Christmas including what it is and why/how it is celebrated around the world.

Shared home learning:

Please spend 10 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child every day. This will really help support your child's success in reading. Homework will be an optional English or Maths activity on Seesaw each week. Look out for our Topic homework at the start of term too. Tricky words will also be sent home to learn. Please could children bring their P.E kits into school on their P.E. days (or this can be left in school until the next holiday). Children need to have earrings removed on these days please. Also, please could all P.E. kit and uniform be named to help us to ensure that children take home the correct clothing items. Thank you.