

# Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 1 - 2023

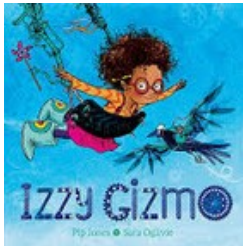
Our theme for Summer Term one is:

## Marvellous Makers!

Our main focuses are:

- To find out about famous inventors.
- To learn about the materials that are all around us and their properties.
- To investigate materials and which material would be best for an umbrella—looking at which materials are waterproof and absorbent.

Our theme will last for:  
6 weeks.



English:

**Novel study: Izzy Gizmo**

At the start of the term, we are going to read the story and make predictions about the text. Next we will become story writers when we will write a sequel to Izzy Gizmo! We will create our own characters and write each section of our stories. We are excited to see the children become authors and use their imagination! After this, we will use our knowledge of the story to think about how Izzy Gizmo would be feeling throughout the story. We will then use this information to write a diary entry from the perspective of Izzy Gizmo. Can you write a diary about what you did yesterday? Remember to use 'I' and write in the past tense! In the last week of term, we will be using adjectives to create a description of the character 'Izzy Gizmo'. We will be focusing on her appearance and personality.



**Beginning**



**Middle**

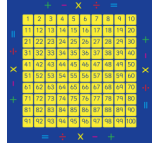


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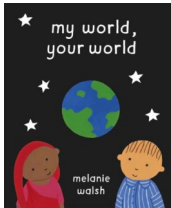
Mathematics:

Our Mathematics topics for this half term will be as follows:  
Week 1: We will be counting to 100 forwards and backwards. We will then look at writing the number names to 20 and look at partitioning and combining numbers. I wonder how high you can count...  
Week 2: We will be looking at number bonds and subtraction facts to 20. Can you remember any number bonds?  
Week 3: We will be focusing on problems using our knowledge of addition and subtraction. Do you know what adding and subtracting means? Can you write the symbols?  
Week 4: We will be looking at sequencing events using key words such as before, next, after, morning, afternoon and evening. We will then order events using this key vocabulary. Can you think of something you do in the morning?  
Week 5: We will be looking at using positional language and turns using key words such as whole, half, quarter and three quarter turns. We will look at the position of objects and the turns they take.  
Week 6: We will be reviewing areas of our learning.



P.S.H.E.

This half term we will be continuing with our programme of study called 'No Outsiders In Our School'. As part of this, we will be learning about the story of 'My World, Your World' to help us to understand that our bodies work in different ways. We will also be thinking about how we can stay healthy including washing our hands and dental hygiene.



Computing

We will be learning how to use the Beebots to follow instructions to complete a simple task. We will also create our own instructions and control the Beebots using simple commands. Children will learn how to control the movement of a screen turtle (Beebot App). We will also learn how to debug when there are problems with our instructions.



Science

We shall be exploring:

- The materials that different objects are made from.
- Describing the properties of everyday materials.
- Describing some simple similarities and differences between man-made objects.
- Choosing the best material to make an umbrella and explaining why.



History

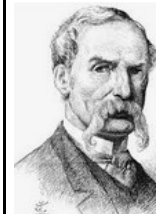
We will be learning about famous inventors from History; what they achieved and the impact of this. We will also be using our judgement skills to sort them into 'then' and 'now'.

Music

Children will continue to follow the exciting 'Charanga' scheme of work to further develop their music skills. The theme this term is 'Imagination'. Children will listen to a range of songs and discuss their thoughts and feelings about them.



Art and Design



Here we will be looking at the work of John Tenniel and discussing what we like about his work. We will look at the different features of his work and discuss the mediums and techniques that he uses. You might recognise one of the famous characters he drew in the picture below!



Behaviour and Safety

This half term we will be learning about how to keep healthy through exercise and eating well. We will be discussing our favourite types of exercise and what our favourite healthy foods are.

RE

This half term we will be learning all about the different stories in the Hindu religion. We will focus on the Hindu Gods and also looking at the stories of Hanuman and Krishna.



Physical Education (P.E.)

To keep us fit and healthy during the summer term, we are going to focus on team games. We will be learning how to play a range of different games and learning the skills we need for them such as tactics for attacking and defending.



Shared home learning:

Please spend 15 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child everyday. This will really help support your child's success in reading. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our phonics words and sounds that we will be practising within class will be shared via Seesaw and these can be discussed and practised at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them into a sentence!

**Could we ask that all children have their P.E. kits in school at all times. P.E. day is on a Monday.**

Key Dates

W/C 17th April First Aid Week

W/C 8th May Mental Health Awareness Week

24th April R.E. Day

24th May French Day

1st and 8th May Bank Holiday

25th May National Sing out day