

# Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 1 2023

Our theme for Spring Term One is:

## Best of Leicester

Our main focuses are:

- Explore Leicester—look at key attractions and monuments.
- Looking at old and new objects.
- Looking at old and new buildings.
- Using a range of tools on Seesaw.
- Beginning to extend our writing into a series of sentences.
- Understanding and exploring different emotions.



English:

In English we will be consolidating our knowledge of how to write phonetically plausible sentences. We will be looking a range of non-fiction texts this term. We will be using adjectives to create a setting description of known settings around Leicester. We will use our senses to help us really capture the setting we are describing. Next, we will be using our persuasive language in letters to encourage people to visit our great city. We will be then sharing all the great facts and landmarks that we have learnt about and telling people why they should visit us. Finally, the children will have an opportunity to learn about rules within the sport football. They will have the opportunity to write their own set of rules for the great game.

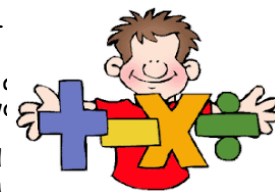


### Super Sentences!



Mathematics:

Our Maths, will be linked to our topic, 'Best Leicester' where possible. We will be building on our skills of addition & subtraction by applying this to a range of problems. We will have to be number detectives to spot what we are being asked to do. We will then look at measurements with focus on length and height. We will be looking at and comparing items saying whether they are longer or shorter. We will then move onto mass and weight and again compare objects saying which is the heaviest. We will then apply this to solving problems based on measurement. Finally, we will look at multiplication and division calculations. The children will be shown a variety of methods to solve these calculations, that are both practical and written.



Personal, Social and Health Education P.S.H.E.

We will continue to follow the 'No Outsiders' scheme of work this term. Within P.S.H.E. we will be exploring emotions and understanding different types of feelings, including loss.

Computing

In Computing we will be:

- Saving items on Seesaw,
- Using the app 'Paint' to create an iconic landmark from Leicester,
- Using Seesaw to create work.



Music

This term we will look at 'In The Groove' by Joanna Mangona - an easy-to-learn song that demonstrates different styles of music. The children will have the opportunity to learn the song, listen and appreciate and then perform the song as a class.

R.E.

Within R.E. we will be focusing on Christianity and looking at prayer and worship as well as inspirational people.

Physical Education (P.E.)

To keep us fit and healthy during the Spring term, we will be focusing on dance. The children will get to learn about movements and follow simple instructions. They will then get to create and perform dances using these simple movement patterns.



Year One P.E. day is on a Monday. Please ensure the children have plimsolls, plain white t-shirts and black bottoms. All children must have earrings removed for P.E. Thank you.

History

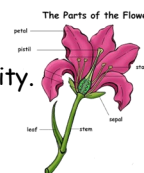
Leicester is such an interesting place to live and we will be learning about our the history of our fascinating city. This will include:

- Looking at different buildings in Leicester and comparing old and new buildings. With a focus on our school and how it has changed.
- Looking at different objects and distinguishing how we know whether they are old or new.
- Looking at historical events which took place in Leicester with a focus on Richard III.

Science

In Science we will be learning about:

- Looking at wild flowers and trees in our locality.
- Understanding the parts of a flower.
- Understanding the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.



Geography

This term we will learn about the United Kingdom and the four countries within it. We will also look at local maps and try to spot human features using keys.

Art and Design

The children will have the opportunity to look at famous sculptures as well as looking at some that can be found in Leicester. They will learn what a sculpture is and they will have the opportunity to plan, create and evaluate their own sculptures based on buildings of famous people from Leicester.



Behaviour and Safety

This half term we will be focusing on E-safety and how the children can keep themselves safe when online. This is defined as **the safe and responsible use of technology**. This includes the use of the internet and also other means of communication using electronic media.

We will also learn about 'Clever Never Goes' when learning about stranger danger.



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 vocabulary and spellings 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 in to a sentence! A half-termly topic challenge will also be uploaded on to Seesaw at the start of the term. This is an open-ended challenge and can be completed in any creative way that your child would like. Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you would like any further information regarding the Year 1 curriculum.

Key Dates:

**Crystal Maze Maths:** Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January

**World Religion Day:** Friday 13th January

**History Day:** Wednesday 25th February.

**National Story Telling Week:** Monday 30th January

**Safer Internet Day:** Monday 13th February

**Children's Mental Health Week:** Monday 6th February

**LGBT+ History Day:** Friday 10th February