



Year 1 curriculum newsletter — Autumn 2024

Our themes this term are: 'Us and our lives' and 'Here we are... in London'

Books we will be learning about

- Autumn 1** – Hibernation Hotel – *John Kelly*
 - Leo and the Octopus – *Isabelle Marinov*
- Autumn 2** – Paddington – *Michael Bond*
 - Dinosaurs and all that rubbish – *Michael Foreman*



English

This term in English, we will be improving our sentence writing, focusing on leaving spaces between words, using capital letters and full stops and joining sentences using 'and'. We will be using our stories to blend sounds and unfamiliar words.

Maths

Place Value – We will get better at counting by learning how to count forwards, backwards. We will spend time comparing numbers and objects and start to look at the number line.

Addition and subtraction – The main focus of this unit will be on improving our number bonds to 10. We will look at adding and subtracting 1 or 2 and learn our fact families.



Science

Animals including humans – We will learn to identify different body parts associated with each of the 5 senses.

Everyday materials – In this unit, we will identify and name a number of different materials. We will think about which materials are best for different objects, and if these materials are natural or man-made.



RE

Creation – We will be learning about how God created the world and we will explore how we can look after it.

People in the Nativity – We will look at the nativity story, and learn about all different characters and their roles.



Art and Design Technology

Art: Make your mark – We will look at different ways that we can draw lines – horizontal, vertical, wavy and cross-hatch. We will then use these skills to complete an observational drawing.

Design Technology: Mechanisms – We will explore different mechanisms, and apply this to making a picture with moving parts.



History – 'How am I making history?'

We will learn about our own personal history by exploring different events in our lives. After this, we will find out about what childhood was like for our parents and grandparents, and compare it to our lives.



Geography – 'What's it like here?'

In this topic, we will start by locating the school on an aerial photograph, thinking about where we live in the world. We will then start to think about what we can see in our classroom and school grounds and draw maps of these.



Computing

Grouping and sorting – We will use iPads to sort items using different criteria, thinking logically and breaking the task down into different steps.

Pictograms – We will learn how data can be represented in picture format, before creating our own pictograms.



Music

We will be learning about 'The carnival of animals' by Saint-Saens.



Personal, Social, Health, Economic

We will be learning about how we deal with a range of different emotions and feelings. We will be looking at how our teeth change as we grow and ways we can keep them healthy.



Your child's PE days are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays



! Important information: **!**

Homework

We will set homework later this half-term and will use Google Classroom. It will be set on a Friday and due in by Tuesday.

Snacks and lunchtime

Please provide healthy snacks for play time; no crisps, chocolate, sesame or nuts

Uniform

Please see the [website](#) for correct uniform

Parent Hub

Please make sure you are signed up for [ParentHub](#) – this is our preferred communication method.

If there is a concern

Please arrange an appointment to see the class teacher by contacting the school office.