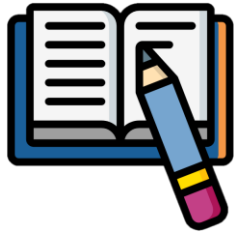


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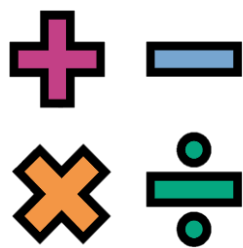
Literacy



In Literacy this half-term, Year 1 will be exploring two exciting texts: 'Leo and the Octopus' by Isabelle Marinov and 'Dragon Post' by Emma Yarlett. Through these stories, the children will develop their reading comprehension and writing skills by taking on different roles, giving advice, writing letters, creating fact files and producing guides. They will also practise using a range of sentence types, explore adjectives and conjunctions, and write for different purposes, from instructions to information texts.

In Phonics this half term, Year 1 are continuing with Phase 5. The children will be learning new graphemes for familiar sounds, such as *ie* in pie, *ue* in blue, *a-e* in shake and *ew* in chew. They will also practise reading and spelling new tricky words including *their, people, could, would, should, house and water*. The focus will be on applying these sounds and words in their reading and writing to build fluency and confidence.

Maths



In Maths this half-term, Year 1 are learning about addition and subtraction within 10. The children will explore parts and wholes using practical activities and part-whole models, and will begin writing number sentences to show their thinking. They will practise number bonds within and to 10, use number lines to support their working, and solve simple problems in different contexts. By the end of the unit, the children will be able to confidently add and subtract within 10 and apply their knowledge in everyday situations.

Science



This half term in Science, Year 1 are exploring Everyday Materials. The children will learn to identify and name a variety of materials and describe their simple properties. They will investigate which materials are transparent or opaque and carry out a hands-on experiment to test which materials are waterproof. Linking to our focus on sustainability, they will also classify materials that can be recycled. To finish the unit, the children will research the work of Charles Macintosh, the scientist who invented waterproof fabric, and discover how his invention is still used today.

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Art



In Art this half-term, Year 1 are exploring drawing as a physical and creative activity. They will experiment with mark-making using different tools and materials and learn how movement and pressure affect the lines they create. The children will focus on spirals to explore ideas of growth and movement, record their work in sketchbooks, and take inspiration from the artist Molly Haslund.

Computing



The computing topic this term is Digital Painting. The children will explore how to paint using computers, practise making pictures with shapes and lines, and learn to make careful choices about colours and tools. They will create their own digital paintings, compare computer art with traditional painting, and reflect on the decisions they made in their work.

Geography



In Geography this half-term, Year 1 are learning to use simple directional language and explore the features of their local environment. The children will identify human and physical features around them, use aerial photographs to spot landmarks, and begin to locate and label features on a map. They will also create their own maps using symbols and keys and find out about the special features of Watling Primary School.

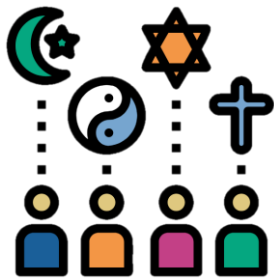
Music



In Music this half-term, Year 1 are exploring the theme of Animals through singing, playing and listening. The children will experiment with high and low pitches using their voices and percussion instruments and respond to songs with movement and sound effects. They will also listen to descriptive music, identify contrasting pitches and create their own vocal sequences by following simple graphic scores.

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RE



In RE this half-term, Year 1 are learning about how Christians remember Jesus at different times of the year. The children will explore key events in Jesus' life, including his birth, his miracles and the events of Holy Week. They will learn how Christians celebrate these moments through festivals such as Christmas and Easter and express how Christians might feel during these times through art and creative activities.

PE



In PE this half-term, Year 1 are developing their gymnastics skills. The children will explore different ways of travelling, balancing, rolling and jumping, using the floor and apparatus safely. They will begin to create simple sequences, linking movements together with control and confidence, and practise performing and watching each other's work.

PSHE



In PSHE this half-term, Year 1 are learning about Rights and Respect. The children will explore how their behaviour affects others and think about ways to care for and respect their school environment.

They will learn the importance of looking after belongings, showing responsibility for things that belong to themselves and others. The unit also introduces money: recognising notes and coins, understanding how families spend money, keeping it safe, and beginning to explore the idea of saving.