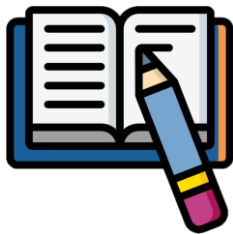


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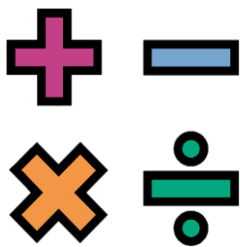
Literacy



In Literacy, Year 1 will be exploring *Lubna and Pebble* and *Beegu*. The texts explore themes of friendship, kindness and belonging, as well as feeling different and finding connection. The children will write their own friendship or gifting narrative inspired by *Lubna and Pebble* and create their own 'alien' narrative based on *Beegu*.

In Phonics, we will be reviewing Phase 5 GPCs in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check. Across the half term, we will revisit graphemes including **ay, a-e, ea, e, ie, i-e, o, o-e, ue, ew, u-e, aw, ir, ou, oy, i, a, ow, u, ph, wh, ie** and **g**. There will be no new tricky words introduced during this half term. We will focus on applying these sounds in reading and writing to build fluency, accuracy and confidence.

Maths



In Maths, we will begin our new units on multiplication and division, where the children will learn to make equal groups, add equal groups and begin to understand sharing and grouping. We will use practical resources and pictorial representations to help build a secure understanding of these concepts. We will then move on to fractions, where children will learn to recognise and find one half and one quarter of shapes and quantities.

Throughout these units, we will focus on developing mathematical reasoning and using precise mathematical vocabulary to explain our thinking.

Science



This half term in Science, Year 1 will be learning about animals, focusing on identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The children will learn to describe and compare animals based on their features, including wings, fins, fur and scales. They will also begin to group animals according to what they eat and explore the differences between common animals to develop their scientific vocabulary and understanding.

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Computing



In Computing, Year 1 will be learning about digital writing. The children will develop their understanding of using a computer to create and edit text. They will learn how to use a keyboard to type simple sentences, use the space bar and enter key correctly, and make changes to their writing. They will compare writing on paper with writing on a computer and begin to understand how digital tools can help them improve and present their work clearly.

DT



In DT, Year 1 will be learning about cooking and nutrition, with a focus on preparing a fruit salad. The children will learn about different fruits and where they come from, as well as the importance of eating a balanced and healthy diet. They will practise key skills such as peeling, cutting and safely preparing ingredients. The children will then design their own fruit salad, select appropriate fruits and prepare them carefully before tasting and evaluating their final product.

History



In History, Year 1 will be learning about significant individuals, focusing on Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. The children will find out who they were and why they are remembered today. They will learn about their work caring for soldiers during the Crimean War and explore how nursing has changed over time. The children will use simple timelines to understand when these individuals lived and compare healthcare in the past with healthcare today.

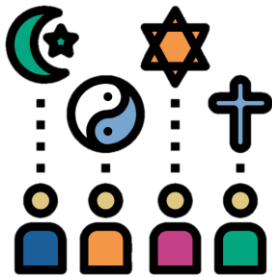
Music



In Music, our topics this half term are Storytime and Our Bodies. The children will explore how music can be used to tell a story, using their voices and instruments to create different characters and sound effects. They will experiment with rhythm, tempo and dynamics to bring stories to life. Through Our Bodies, the children will use body percussion, movement and actions to explore pulse and rhythm. They will have opportunities to perform using their voices, bodies and instruments, building confidence and enjoyment in making music together.

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RE



In RE, Year 1 will be exploring the question: Who are the special people in each religion and why are they important to believers? This half term, the children will focus on Buddhism. They will learn about Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha) and why he is an important figure for Buddhists. The children will explore how his teachings help Buddhists to live good lives and understand why he is respected as a spiritual teacher and guide.

PE



In PE, our topic is Athletics. Throughout the half term, the children will take part in a range of activities designed to develop running, jumping and throwing skills. They will practise sprinting and running over different distances, focusing on balance, coordination and speed. The children will also explore jumping for distance and height, and develop their throwing technique using a variety of equipment, building confidence and teamwork through active challenges and games.

PSHE



In PSHE this half term, we will be exploring the theme of Keeping Safe. The children will learn about ways to keep themselves safe in different situations, including at home, at school and when out and about. They will discuss the importance of following rules, recognising risky situations and knowing who to ask for help. The children will also learn about road safety, safe use of medicines and how to keep their bodies safe, helping them to develop confidence in making safe choices.