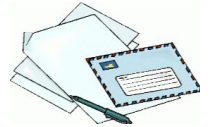




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English

This term the girls will read and listen to stories and poems linked to class topics. They will experience writing for different purposes, both fiction and non-fiction. In English lessons, the girls will be adding adjectives to their writing to make it more engaging to the reader. They will also continue to develop their understanding of phonological knowledge through Read, Write, Inc.



Mathematics

In Year 1, we will continue to use Inspire Maths, which is based on a Singapore model of Maths mastery. The girls will be using concrete and pictorial representations to aid their learning. They will build upon their ability to add and subtract to 20 and continue to consolidate place value and number bonds to 20. We will also count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Any opportunities to count objects up to 20 at home will help to consolidate number recognition, making problem solving simpler. The girls will also learn to measure, explore shapes and collect and record data.



Science

For the first half term, our topic is 'Body Basics.' We will be learning about the biology of the human body. We will explore the basic systems in the body and how we experience the world using our 5 senses. During the second half of the term, they will be involved in finding out how seasonal weather affects people, plants and animals.

PSHE

This year, the girls will be introduced to Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE. Jigsaw is a progressive and spiral scheme of learning. This term our themes are 'Being in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences' (including anti-bullying).



Being in My World: the girls will discuss their Jigsaw Charter. As part of this they discuss rights and responsibilities, choices and consequences. They will talk about being special and how to make everyone feel safe in their class as well as recognising their own safety.

Celebrating Differences: the girls will talk about the similarities and differences between people and that these make us unique and special. They will learn what bullying is and what it isn't. They will talk about how it might feel to be bullied and when and who to ask for help. The girls will talk about friendship, how to make friends and that it is OK to have differences from their friends. They will also talk about being nice to and looking after other children who might be being bullied.

Topic

The first topic this year will be Dinosaurs! In the second half of this term, we will be learning about

the Arctic and Antarctic, focusing on the climate, animals and habitats.

Computing

The girls will be revising using technology safely and will be developing their mouse and keyboard skills using a variety of programs. They will also have many opportunities to be creative with our popular drawing and painting programs. The girls have regular access to iPads too.



Drama

In Drama this term, the girls will be using stories and improvisation to explore the exciting world of Dinosaurs. In the second half of the term, we will start working towards their Christmas performance.

Music

Year 1 will continue to develop their musicianship skills through singing, listening and moving to music. They will learn some topic-related songs and explore rhythmic games to develop their literacy skills. In the second half of the term they will be working towards their Christmas performance.



Spanish



This term, the girls will start with learning classroom instructions in Spanish. They will then move onto memorising the numbers 1-10 and role-play how to ask and give their age. With support, they will read rhyming stories, sing songs, practise tongue twisters and have further opportunities to make the sound-written link by listening to words and anticipating their spelling. Finally, they will discover key facts about Christmas celebrations in Spain.

Art and DT

In Art and DT this term the girls will be honing their drawing and cutting skills through a range of activities. The girls will also explore a variety of mediums including pastels and paint. Art lessons will link in with our topic based projects and we will focus on studying the work of a famous artist.

P.E.

This term, the girls in Year 1 will have Physical Education on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. All of the girls will be completing units of work in athletics, cross country, multi skills circuits and mini team games. They will develop the fundamental skills that children need such as running, hopping, throwing, catching and jumping. These movement skills in turn give the girls the confidence to participate in different physical activities, sports and games. They will learn the importance of working as a team and being able to follow the instructions in a sporting environment.



Forest School

Each week, both Year 1 classes will have an outdoor learning session. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self esteem through hands-on learning experiences in an outdoor environment. In IM the girls will have Forest School on Wednesday morning and in IP the girls will have Forest School on Thursday morning. The girls will need to wear their Forest School clothing to school, including their waterproofs (with school shoes) and bring their uniform in a bag. Wellies/outdoor shoes can stay at school. Be warned - they may be muddy!

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact through the School Office.

We very much look forward to working with you and your daughters this year.

Miss Marshall and Miss Phipps
Year 1 Class Teachers