

Ash and Poplar Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter, Spring Term 1 2024

English

We will continue to develop our sentence writing skills. We will learn to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words. We will also learn to use question marks when we write questions about our bodies. We will read and explore *We All Have Bellybuttons* and *Funnybones*. We will re-tell the story and write our own stories about the skeletons going on an adventure.



Art and Design Technology

In Art we will be creating self portraits through line drawings. We will also look at some of the work of the Artist Pablo Picasso. We will have fun creating our own skeleton collages too!

In D.T. we will explore different types of bridges and how the structures have been built. We will then design and make bridges out of different materials. We will test our bridges to see if the Three Billy Goats Gruff can walk over them and then evaluate how we could make them even stronger!

PE

Our PE days this half term are Tuesdays and Fridays.

We will be also learning about keeping their bodies healthy, why we need to warm up when we exercise and continuing to develop their team game skills.

Marvellous Me!

Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to Year 1 and our exciting Spring Term. We are looking forward to the days lengthening as the winter draws to a close and we will look for any early signs of spring.

Our Science focus this half term will be on the human body, naming the different parts and the five senses. We will be exploring our senses through scientific experiments and observations. We will use the non-fiction book *See Inside Your Body*, to support our learning.



Music, PSHE and RE

In Music, we will be 'Getting into the groove' and exploring different rhythms.

In RE we will be exploring the theme of forgiveness using a variety of stories. We will listen to the story of The Lost Sheep and think about its meaning.

PSHE this half term will be about 'Dreams and Goals' and this links to our school Christian value of Hope. We will create our own treasure chests and collect coins to show what we have achieved throughout the term.

Maths

In maths we will focus on developing our understanding of place value to 20. We will be ordering and comparing numbers to 20 and finding one more and one less within 20. We will use non-standard units to measure and compare our own hands and feet as part of our science learning.



Reading and Phonics

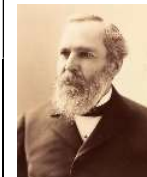
Your child will continue bring home a phonically decodable book. Your child will have practised reading this in their daily Read Write Inc phonics lessons and need to continue practising at home to build on their expression and fluency. They will also have a 'book bag book' that will link to the phonic book but they will not have practised this. We will continue to give your child a shared reading book for you to enjoy with your child. Please continue to write in your child's reading record when you hear them read and ensure your child brings in their book bag every day. Please hear your child read at home as often as possible.

Computing

We will learn about the letters on a keyboard and have a first try at simple word processing.

History

We will be looking at the life of Benjamin Baker, a civil engineer from Frome who was responsible for building the Forth Road Bridge and the Aswan Dam!



Geography

We will be using the vocabulary – town, street, road, house to describe where we live and to explore our local surroundings and our wonderful town of Frome.

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