

Computing and e-safety

This term we will be using a new programme on the ipads called Scratch Jr. We will be learning how to record audio and play with different audio effects.



Science



Plants

We will kick off this topic with a trip to the botanical gardens. We will be observing how plants grow and investigating the different parts of a plant. We will also have a go at growing our own!

Seasonal changes

Later in the term we will be learning about the different seasons, specifically environmental changes and the weather in different seasons.

Cornerstones

We are going to be learning lots of new skills in Art and Design. We are going to learn how to sketch with different pencils and explore why we might use these different pencils.

We are also going to be having a go at some cooking in support of our English and our PSHE topics. Look out for some yummy Gruffalo treats!

How can you help at home?

Please continue to read with your child **every day**. The more words that children read/hear, the better they will perform in all areas of the curriculum. You can support them by asking questions like "What do you think will happen next? Why do you think the character said that? What does that word mean?" Encourage them to use an online dictionary to look up words they have never seen before.

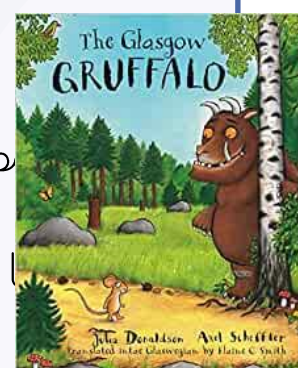
Check your internet security settings. Did you know you can set the internet to only be accessible at specific times from certain devices? We are more than happy to help with this - please contact the school office for support.

Play online maths games such as TTRS or Hit the Button to improve maths fluency and recall. Count whenever and wherever possible for example counting in 10s whilst putting their school shoes on etc.

Help your child to be independent by encouraging them to pack their school bag the night before school - ensuring they have their reading record book, school reader and any other equipment they might need.

English

During the first half term we will be reading the Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.



This book will help us to use adjectives to describe character. We will then use our descriptive characters to plan and write our own story - just like the Gruffalo tale.

This focus will support us to continue to learn and practice sentence writing using the correct punctuation.



Spring Term Year 1



Mathematics

In Maths, we will be building on our fraction knowledge from last term, and will explore how to make equal groups for multiplication and division.

We will be learning about full, half and quarter turns and position. As well as height, length, mass and capacity.

We will also continue to learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

PE

Year 1 Sports

Tennis and Fun Fitness



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RE

In RE we will be reading stories from different religions about being courageous and loyal.

We will also be learning about the King and celebrating his coronation in May.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at good hygiene routines as well as our rights and responsibilities in and outside school. We will also explore ways we can look after our money.

Music

We will be practising out music and singing skills with Mrs Babalola.

