

Year 1 Newsletter



Spring Term 2 2024

Magical Forest

Topic

The Year 1 topic for this half term is Magical forests. Children will be learning all about plants and will read a variety of alternative versions of Jack and the Beanstalk.

In Art, children will create art work based on the style of Georgia O'keefe and Clementine Hunter. They will explore drawing flowers using a range of mediums such as paint, oil pastels and chalk.

In R.E, children will learn all why Easter is important to Christians.



Home Learning



In year Y1, children will be provided with weekly homework; phonics and maths. The phonics homework links closely to sounds taught in lessons and they should practise these repeatedly. Homework will **go out on a Friday** and must be **returned on the following Wednesday**. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments such as Number Bots, Purple Mash and Oxford Owl reading. Links can be found on the school website.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. In Year 1, children read every day in phonics. The books read in phonics are available for your child to read on the Oxford Owl site using their logins. Each half term children complete a phonics assessment to identify the gaps in their phonic knowledge. We also encourage reading for pleasure, every Wednesday children will select two reading for pleasure books to read alongside their phonic books. Every week year 1 visit the local library in Marske to select a book to share with their adult. The library book is for the adult to read to their child to share the love of reading.

Maths

In maths, we will be adding and subtracting and finding missing numbers using our known number bonds. We will be counting to 50, finding one more and one less and will compare numbers using greater than, less than and equal to symbols. Children will begin to count in 2s and 5s and begin to understand that this is repeated addition.

English

In English, we will be exploring multiple versions of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children will write an advert selling some magic beans. They will retell the Jack and the Beanstalk story and then give it a twist to make it their own. Year 1 will write a letter to the Giant to apologise for Jack's behaviour after he stole the eggs.



Science

In Science, our focus this term is plants and healthy eating. We will complete a science experiment discovering what plants need to survive and will also plant our own seeds.

Computing

This term, we will be creating some animated stories using 2Create a Story on Purple Mash. Children will draw pictures of their story and then animate them by making the images move and create sounds. They will add text to their animated Jack and the Beanstalk stories.

P.E.

Year 1 pupils will have P.E on a Tuesday and a Thursday. During their Tuesday session, children will focus on ball skills using their hands and on a Thursday they will focus on creating an animal dance routine.