



Year One Topic - Autumn 1 2024 - 'Ourselves'

Firstly, a big welcome back to our wonderful Year One Children who will be busy enjoying learning how to be fantastic role models to the new Reception children who will soon be joining us in the classroom as well as helping to set up a welcoming classroom. Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves'. We will be concentrating on 'celebrating differences' by looking closely at ways we are the same as and different from our peers. We will also be looking at ways to keep our bodies healthy. As it is a science-based topic we will also be focusing on naming and labelling parts of our bodies, identifying and naming the parts of the body that are linked to the five senses – taste, touch, smell, seeing and hearing and using our senses to perform simple tests, gather and record data and answer simple scientific questions. In PSHE we will be concentrating on ourselves and our relationships. The children will be following the National Curriculum for Y1. This means that they will enjoy lots of learning in different subject areas including Geography, History, Science and RE. They will still have a Tapestry Account so please feel free to add on your home learning.

Maths	English	Phonics and Reading	Topic
<p>We will begin with a focus on Number following the White Rose Y1 Maths Curriculum. This teaches small steps of progress that the children build upon each lesson. It encourages problem solving, understanding and reasoning alongside each session. This encourages the children to explain their understanding of the concepts they are learning. We will be focusing on sorting, counting forwards and backwards to 10, reading and writing numerals and words to 10. Moving on to simple addition and subtraction. Please support your child by helping them to complete any maths homework they may bring home.</p>	<p>The children will begin by building on the reading and writing skills they developed last year. They will focus on composing sentences orally and knowing what they want to write. Learning will be based on a number of stories which celebrate difference. These include; Elmer, What I like About Me, It's Okay to be different and I'm like you, You're like me. There will be a focus on 'having-a-go' at writing as we encourage the children to annotate their stories and pictures with captions and simple sentences using their phonic knowledge. We will also be concentrating on spelling the common exception words from Phonics Phase 2 and 3 in our writing.</p>	<p>The children in Year 1 will continue to follow the Little Wandle Reading programme. They will have daily phonics sessions and three group reading sessions each week. This half term the Year 1 Little Wandle programme focuses on reviewing the graphemes and tricky words learnt towards the end of the Reception year and reading longer words. Towards the end of this half term the Year 1 children will learn some new Phase 5 graphemes too. Please support your child by helping them to complete the Little Wandle homework sheet each week. As last year, it will be given out in a half termly block. Please also attend the parent's info meeting on 17/9/24 at 5pm.</p>	<p>The children are following the Y1 National Curriculum. This term we will be covering Gospel in RE and singing songs linked to our topic for Music. In Art and DT we will be building our skills in observational drawings and painting and making simple models. In PE we will continue to build skills in throwing and catching as well as working together as a team. Our Topic sessions on Monday and Tuesday afternoons this term will be focused around 'Me and my world'. Where we look at where we live, the difference between a village, town and city. The four countries of the United Kingdom and continents.</p>

