



Buzzards

Curriculum Information Spring Term 2024-2025

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We have had a great start to the new term.

Below is a summary of what the children will be learning about in each subject this term. A separate information sheet is also available on our class page of the school website, detailing the specific objectives for Year 1 that will be covered over the course of the year in English and Mathematics.

English

- We have started the spring term with 'Traditional Tales' and our next unit this term will center on 'instructions'.

We will be exploring various units of work this term including:

- Traditional Tales
- Instructions
- Poetry – playing with language

Mathematics

This term the areas of study will include: place value (within 20) addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 50), measurement: length and height, and mass and volume.

Science

Our topics in science will be 'Animals Including Humans' and 'Seasonal Changes (Spring and Summer)'. In Animals Including Humans, your children will learn about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. They will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. They will also learn about the different diets animals eat. During our 'Seasonal Changes (Spring and Summer)' topic the children will observe changes across the seasons by exploring the signs of spring and summer through nature and wildlife.

R.E.

In the first half of the term, we will be investigating the question: 'Does creation help people understand God?' The children will learn about the Christian and Jewish beliefs about Creation and the character of God. In the second half-term the children will consider: 'Should everyone follow Jesus?' They will explore the reasons why people follow Jesus, with reference to the Easter story.

Topic

In History, our topic is titled 'The Gunpowder Plot'. They will be finding out about Guy Fawkes and other significant individuals involved in the plot, such as Robert Catesby and Thomas Percy. They will deepen their understanding of the events of the Gunpowder Plot through several speaking and listening activities, such as hot seating and role play, as well as sequencing events and designing posters. In Geography we will explore 'Our Country'. The children will explore the UK by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features along with comparing and contrasting the capital cities of London and Brasilia in detail.

PSHE

This term our core theme in PSHE is Health and Wellbeing. The children will learn about what rules are, caring for others' needs, and looking after the environment. We will also be exploring using the internet and digital devices, communicating online and jobs in the community.

P.E.

This half term we will be focusing on multiple skills, including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination through team games. Premier Sport will also be leading multi-skills sessions for Buzzards each Wednesday next half term. In our other P.E. lessons, we will be focusing on Dance. The children need to be prepared for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Please provide a labelled P.E. kit including:

- T-shirt

- Shorts
- Jumper
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Socks
- Trainers

Art

For the first half of term our topic will be 'Painting'. The children will explore painting techniques using thick and thin paint, different brush strokes and colour mixing. We will learn about various stories (King Cuthbert's birthday, Spots on the tummy, Princess and the pea, Fred the dragon) by exploring shape, texture and colour. After half-term the children will be introduced to printmaking with primary colours using negative stencils, clay slab blocks and collagraph blocks producing printed images. We will be creating our own patterns inspired by Orla Kiely's work.

Computing

The children will learn about Painting. They will be using technology purposefully to create and manipulate. We also focus on Computing Skills, including retrieving information and using technology safely and respectfully.

Design and Technology

Our topic will be 'Dips and Dippers'. The children will have the opportunity to learn about food hygiene rules and using kitchen equipment to prepare food safely. They will explore eating a healthy and varied diet.

Music

Buzzards- We will be learning about Rhythm. We will work on basic rhythmic patterns, learning how to write them and how to play them on drums and percussion instruments.

Forest School

Buzzards have made a great start back in the woods at Forest School. We lost one of our large spruce trees in the storms, but having been cleared by a group of parents (huge thanks!), the children enjoyed exploring the changes that this has made to site, and new materials to integrate into their play. This term we will hone our knowledge of local birds ready for anyone doing the RSPB Great British Bird Watch in later January, we will bring some of our Art outdoors and see if we can integrate some of the Gunpowder Plot learnings onsite!

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and is due in the following Monday. Reading books and Reading records will continue to be taken home each day. The children are expected to read at home every day, as part of their homework, to an adult who could check their understanding of vocabulary and comprehension. The tasks will be set weekly, and pupils will be required to use several different educational websites, including Mathletics and Topmarks. The expectation is that all children should read, practice their spelling and either do a short Maths or comprehension activity every week. The Maths and Comprehension tasks will alternate each week. There will be spellings to learn every week and half termly Spelling Stars. Unfortunately, spelling books will no longer be sent home to ensure the children are able to access them within school. The scores will be shared with the children.

KS1 Homework Expectations

Tasks	Year 1
Daily Reading	Every Day
Daily Spellings practice	Every Day
Mathematics or Comprehension	Once a week

General

Please remember to supply your child with appropriate clothing for the weather each day. As it gets colder, please provide jumpers and coats for outside play as well as wet weather gear such as raincoats and wellies. We also encourage the children to drink lots of water throughout the day. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle labeled with their name to school each day.

If you ever have any queries, please feel free to get in contact with me through the office to set up an appointment or email me directly.

Thank you

We are going to have a wonderful year.

Miss C Holt
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