

Spring Term Curriculum Plan – Year 1

English	During the first half term, we will be reading a selection of Traditional Tales. Children will learn to verbally re-tell the stories with actions, perform role-play and produce story maps to support their writing. To develop their narrative skills, children will be encouraged to use their imagination to change characters and settings. After half term, we will be looking at persuasive writing and re-visit letter writing to support this. We will continue with daily handwriting to focus on letter and number formation and daily phonics lessons to introduce new grapheme-phoneme correspondences, common exception words and revise and consolidate those learned earlier. We will look in detail at plural noun suffixes and further develop our sentence composition. Weekly spellings are tested every Friday morning to help improve our spelling skills and there will be regular opportunities throughout the week for independent and guided reading.
Maths	We will be focusing on building and securing our knowledge of place value within 20 and applying this to help solve addition and subtraction problems. We will then extend our understanding of place value to within 50. In measurement, we will explore length, height, weight and volume. Alongside this, we will continue to study multiplication tables focusing on x2 and begin to recite x10, using rhymes and games to support our learning. We will introduce 'Beat It Big Maths' every Friday to improve our calculation skills.
Science	The majority of our learning will be taught through first hand practical experiences and the children will be encouraged to be curious and raise their own questions about the world around them Materials: We will begin by looking at different materials to differentiate between natural and man-made. We will look at objects made from these materials and discuss their properties in order to conduct an experiment to determine their suitability to make a waterproof roof for our 3 Little Pigs houses. Seasonal changes: We will begin to gather and record data about Winter, observing and describing the weather throughout this season.
Topic	Our focus this term will be Space Explorers. We will be looking closely at Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and their associated space missions. In addition, our Space role play area will encourage and support learning further.
Computing	In ICT, children will create a game and use digital graphics. They will research Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and create their own quiz to incorporate information they have learnt and use ChatterPix to relay these facts.
PE	In the first half term, children will work on gymnastics, focusing on different static and dynamic movements. They will use different points of their bodies to make shapes and patterns and then start to use turning, spinning and twisting movements.

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	After half term, children will be working on their fundamental skills, focusing on agility, co-ordination and dynamic balance. Throughout the term, children will work with Miss Kirsty. They will be focusing on simple patterns and movements in dance.
French	Every Wednesday Madame Lila will introduce the children to new vocabulary and familiarise them with French customs and traditions. They will do activities, role-play and sing songs.
PSHCE/RE	We will be looking at different multi faith festivals as they occur and finding out when, where, why and how they are celebrated across the world. Chinese New Year, Lent, Easter and St George's Day. We will have a weekly circle time.
Music / Performing Arts	The success of our weekly whole school singing practice can be heard each Friday morning in our celebration assembly. Mrs Price will lead music lessons. Drama will support our literacy theme of Traditional Tales.