

Creative Development

Art -We will be developing our collage skills in art, as well as sketching our homes.

DT - We will be designing and making houses and shoes using junk modelling, thinking about the inside and outside of our homes.

Music- Year 1 will be exploring pulse & rhythm, focusing on a range of well-known songs and rhymes & some new ones.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Geography - We will be investigating the features of the UK. Focusing on the 4 different countries and their capital cities as well as looking at the oceans of the world.

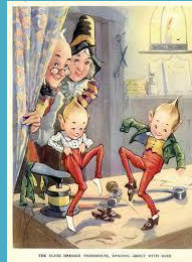
Computing- We will be developing our basic knowledge of ICT and create opportunities for the children to use both the computers and iPads independently.

RE - Year 1 will be looking into the questions, 'Who is God?' And 'The Creation Story'.

Personal and Social Development

This term our topic is 'New Beginnings' focusing on the importance of their transition into Year 1. Also we will be looking at ways to develop the children's self-confidence and building upon their abilities.

'Traditional Tales'



Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

We will be basing our maths around the topic area for the term. From this, we will be looking at number skills, focusing on addition and subtraction. We will also be developing our space, measure and statistics knowledge.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This term Year 1 will be looking at two story books - Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Elves and The Shoemaker. These will be used to predominantly enhance our story writing skills. We will spend time role playing, creating story maps and writing our own versions of the stories. We will also write lists, letters and instructions.

Physical Development

The children will be taking part in a SKiL session on a Friday with Mr Angella developing and exploring movement and Team Building.

This will be reinforced and built upon during a PE session on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Pope.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! I hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for an exciting year at St John's Meads. Thank you for supporting your child in the transition from Reception to Year 1, the children have settled well into their new class and are adapting well to their new routines. Thank you also for making me feel so welcome as a new teacher at St. John's Meads.

This year our whole school focus theme is 'Intrepid Explorers', and the whole school will be working together on this topic. As a class, through the year we are investigating ways to explore and take our learning to the next level of adventure!

Homework:

Spellings

In Year 1, phonics sheets will be given out on a Friday linked to the phonics we have been learning in the classroom. These need to be completed by the following Thursday. This will be starting in week 4 of Term 1.

Reading

Your child will read with an adult 2 to 3 times a week. One of these sessions will be a guided reading session and the others will be 1:1 sessions.



The books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible at home, this could be their reading book, a library book or a book from our 'Free Choice' section. To show that your child has read, please could you write in their reading record books.

PE

The children will be doing PE on Wednesday afternoons with Miss Pope and Friday mornings with Mr Angella. Please make sure they have their PE kit in school for these lessons.



The children have made a great start to Year 1 and are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning.

Please do come and see me in the mornings or after school with any matters you wish to talk about. Finally, thank you all of making me feel so welcome in my first year at St Johns Meads.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Pope and the Year One Team