

Autumn 2 in Year 1

This term our topic is SPARKLE! We will be learning how and why we celebrate different events (Diwali, Bonfire night, Children in Need, Christmas). We will also be learning about The Gunpowder Plot and having our very own Victorian Day!

Writing

We will be finding out about Guy Fawkes and learning to write facts about his appearance and personality using adjectives. Children are learning to apply their phonic knowledge to write words and are thinking about using capital letters at the start of sentences and for names. We will be exploring Autumnal vocabulary and writing words in poems. This will be supported by our exciting welly walk! Our writing this term will be focused on The Gunpowder Plot, Victorian Day, our Autumn walks, Diwali and writing a letter to Father Christmas. Our fiction writing this term will be based around the book *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers. Children will be learning to apply sentence structure whilst exploring ambitious vocabulary around our topic.

Maths

This term, our work focuses on Addition and Subtraction and the variety of methods that will help us to understand and record these calculations. Once the children have grasped the concepts, we will be focusing on reasoning through solving worded problems. Our KIRFS for this term are to know number bonds for each number to 6.

Science

We will be looking at seasonal change, looking at the signs of Autumn in detail and comparing temperatures in different seasons. We will also be heading out on a Welly Walk to explore seasonal change in detail—please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help out and support your child's class on their walk. We will also be looking at living things around us, using our identifying skills to name and describe the structure of a variety of common animals, including fish, reptiles, birds and mammals.

PE

Gymnastics is our key PE skill this term, looking at movement, transition and rolls. In our USports led sessions, children will be honing their football skills through dribbling, hitting and kicking games.

History

Thinking about then and now, we will be discussing The Gunpowder Plot and the importance of Remembrance in our community. We will begin to build an overview of World History, exploring the similarities and differences between things in the past and now. We will be exploring the toys Victorians used to play with and how they compare to the toys we have today. Do let us know if you have any toys that have been passed down within your family over the years that we could share with the children. We will also be having our very own Victorian Day!

RE

We will be learning about the Christmas story in the week before the Christmas break.

Arts and Design

Our artist of the term is Jackson Pollock and we will be replicating his use of paint technique to create our own firework art. We will also be making Poppies for a whole school display, designing our own Christmas cards and Christmas crafts.

Computing

In our ICT time this term, extending our digital literacy by discussing how to be safe online and keeping passwords safe. We will also explore logging in to Purple Mash which you too can do from home using the passwords in your child's diary.

PSHE

In our PSHE we will be Celebrating Difference in ourselves and others, how we can work together effectively and support each other in personal goals. We will also be discussing bullying, what it means and who we can talk to if the need arises. Finally, there will be a focus on kind play, problem solving and the effectiveness of kind words.

Music

This term, children will use their bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds; learn and perform a rhyme and a song focussing on fast and slow.



Dates to remember...

4th November
Back to School!

5th November
Dress as a firework!

2nd December
Apple Class Walk
Volunteers needed please!

3rd December
Cherry Class Walk
Volunteers needed please!

4th December
Plum Class Walk
Volunteers needed please!

7th November
Disco! 5pm—6pm

26th November
Victorian Day

Friday 13th December
School Christmas Fair

20th December
School finishes at 1.15pm

