

Autumn 2 in Year 1

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

Writing

We will be finding out about the story of Guy Fawkes and why people celebrate bonfire night and then we will be describing fireworks and creating our own acrostic poems about fireworks. 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, Toys topic day, our Autumn walks 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 KIRF for this term is to know number bonds for each number to 10.

Science

We will 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

Dance is our key PE skill this term, looking at moving in character, working together, creativity and imagination and performing. In our U-Sports 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 toys over time 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 as part of our Toy experience day, in our toy museum. Over the half term, please show/talk to your children about your favourite toy when you were little (parents or grandparents). Please get your child to either draw or bring in a photo of your favourite toy to share with the class, ready their first History lesson on Monday 3rd November.

RE

We will be learning about the first Christmas and more specifically the first gifts Jesus received, their meaning, symbolism and how that compares with gifts today.

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, designing our own Christmas cards and Christmas crafts.

Computing

In our ICT time this term, we will be focusing on Computer Science, using the programme Espresso Coding to learn how to code and give clear instructions on how to make objects move.

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 focusing on fast and slow.



Dates to remember...

3rd November

Back to School!

5th November

Dress as a firework—wear something sparkly or colourful!

6th November

Disco! 4:45pm—5:30pm

11th/12th November

Scooter Training

19th November

Cherry Class Walk
Volunteers needed please!

20th November

Apple Class Walk
Volunteers needed please!

21st November

Plum Class Walk
Volunteers needed please!

26th November

Toys topic day

28th November

Christmas Fayre
3:30-5:30pm

19th December

School finishes at 1.15pm

