

This half term the Year 1 topic will be...

In English we will continue to practise our phonics daily. We will continue to learn how to form our letters correctly. As well as reading independently, we will continue with our guided reading sessions. Our focus will be on ensuring that we understand the words that we read with the help of Victor Vocabulary. Our main text this half term will be 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. This is based on the story of Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space. We will find out about other astronauts and we will find out about meteor showers.

In ICT we will look at early programming concepts including algorithms. We will use the Beebots to look at simple commands and predict the outcome of different commands.

In History we will be looking at the lives of significant individuals in space travel. These will include Tim Peake, Helen Sharman, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison. We will also revisit the idea of a timeline and how it helps us to understand chronology. In RE we will learn about Islam and whether going to the mosque gives Muslims a sense of belonging.

“To infinity and beyond!”



In Art we will use our imaginations to draw objects from given lines or shapes. We will also make some calendars. In DT we will make 3d rockets from junk modelling and space buggies.

In Music we will learn about the difference between pulse and rhythm. We will use the vocabulary of loud/quiet and fast/slow. We will play a range of untuned percussion instruments to support this learning.

In PSHE we will follow our Heartsmart programme with the help of Boris the Robot. Our theme for this half term is “Too Much Selfie Isn’t Healthy!” This unit will teach us that we need to think about the people around us and not just ourselves to be happy.

In Science we will finish learning about everyday materials and their properties. We will then learn about seasonal changes in weather and look for signs of winter. We will learn about different sorts of weather and keep a weather diary over a week to observe how the weather changes. We will carry out several investigations so that we can practise predicting and observing closely.

In Maths we will continue to learn about addition and subtraction within 10. We will learn about addition fact families and number bonds within 10 and then use this knowledge to solve missing number problems. We will look at the language around subtraction, introduce the subtraction symbol and looking at counting back and finding the difference. We will also learn about the days of the week and months of the year and how to read a calendar before moving onto measuring mass and volume.

In PE we will be continuing with the i-moves curriculum. On Tuesday we will be taking part in dance lessons and on Thursday we will be honing our movement skills in i-practise.