

Our Spring term topic is 'What's down at the bottom of your garden?'

We hope that this leaflet will give you more of an idea of what your child will be learning about this term.

Please come and see us or message us on Class Dojo if you have any worries or any questions.

Many thanks for your support.

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(Class 1 teachers and Class 1 teaching assistant)

**Key reminders:**

- Our PE days are Mondays and Thursday.
- Please read with your child at least three times a week and write it in your child's reading record.
- Go over the sounds and tricky words on a regular basis (the more your child practise, the quicker they will know them!) Can these also be kept in your child's bookbags so we can add more to their pack when we need to.



**Class 1**

**Spring 2024 Overview**

### English:

In English, we will be reading stories written by the author Nick Butterworth. We will be discussing the similarities of the stories and then writing our own story in the style of Nick Butterworth.

After half term we will be focusing on non-chronological reports. We will learn about their features and then have a go at writing our own.

**Top Tip:** Have you got any stories at home written by Nick Butterworth? Or have you seen any of his books in your local library? We would love for you to bring them in and share them with us!

### Maths:

Reception children will be exploring shape, mass and capacity. They will explore numbers up to 10 by representing them, comparing amounts

### Topic:

This term we are focusing on Geography. Our topic is 'The World and our school. We will be locating our school on a map and recognising local human/physical features. We will then go onto identifying and locating different climates around the world.

**Top Tip:** Discuss on car journeys whether different features are human or physical features.

### R.E:

In R.E, we will look at the religion of Islam. We will explore how Muslim people live and worship.

### Art:

In art the children will be looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. Georgia O'Keeffe was famous for painting pictures of flowers. We will take our own up close photos of flowers and

### Science:

We will be learning about 'Animals including humans'. We will be learning about animals basic needs to survive and how their offspring grow into adults. We will then be doing an investigation to find out if our feet get bigger as we get older.

After half term we will be moving onto plants. We will be discovering how seeds and bulbs turn into grown plants and investigating what plants need to grow.

**Top tip:** You could draw a picture of your favourite animal and label the body parts as well as what it needs to survive.

What types of trees and plants can you see when you are out on walks? You could use this tree spotter sheet to help you! [Winter Tree Identification Sheet](#)

and looking at the composition of them through play.

KS1 will start learning about place value of numbers up to 20 and making numbers using a variety of resources.

They will then be going onto addition and subtraction of numbers within 20.

**Top Tip:** This is a useful maths website that you might like to look at with your child.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

then use these photos to create our own representations of these flowers.

After half-term, the children will use clay to create their own mini-beast sculpture.

**Top Tip:** Can you make a mini beast at home from recycled materials? We would love to see pictures of this on Dojo.

#### **PSHE:**

In PSHE we will be talking about keeping our bodies safe.

#### **ICT:**

In computing we will be learning about how to ask questions effectively and using tools on Purple Mash to create a question binary tree.

#### **Music:**

In Music, all of our learning will be focused on reggae music. We will listen to different reggae songs and learn a song called 'Zootime'. We will use instruments to play to the beat and rhythm of the music.