

Year 1 Newsletter

November 2025



Last half term highlights

Harp Class created an amazing 3D mural of the focus painting 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' for this year's Take One Picture project. We used textiles to create the elaborate costumes, cardboard to recreate the boats and marbling to create the canal. Well done!



We thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We started the half term discovering Beegu's crashed spaceship in the playground without knowing who it belonged to...

We have engaged with illustrations to explore and recognise added layers of meaning, developed responses through drama, poetry, storytelling and artwork and written in role including speech bubbles, diary entries and letters.



In Science we learnt all about the human body and our 5 senses. We learned about Helen Keller and how her work has impacted future generations.

In Art we explored the work of Molly Husland and 'spirals'. We used snails and shells as our inspiration and used a variety of tools to complete our work.



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Overview of learning for Autumn 2

English

We will be reading 'Pattan's Pumpkin' - the children do not know so please keep it a secret for now!
Storyteller Chitra Soundar has adapted this flood story from one told in Kerala in southern India.

The children will be responding to the illustrations, writing labels and explanations, poetry writing, letter writing, role play, story mapping and book making. We will focus on capital letters, full stops, naming nouns and using 'and' to join clauses.

Maths

- Numbers to 10: Comparison, equality and balance
- Numbers to 20: Making '10 and some more', estimating and ordering, 1 more and 1 less, doubling and halving, odd and even numbers

Geography - Spatial Sense

- Aerial Views
- Maps
- Location
- Compass Points
- Drawing maps

Science - Animals and their needs

- Common animals
- Grouping animals
- Animals as pets
- Describing animals

Art - simple printmaking

RE - Why does Christmas matter to Christians? How and why do we celebrate special times?

PSHE - Who is special to us?

DT - mechanisms - sliders and levers

Computing - Digital painting

PE - gymnastics and indoor athletics

Things to Remember

- The school gates close at 8:30am.
- Monday morning reading will continue - all parents/carers are welcome.
- Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school now the weather is getting colder.
- Library session will now be on a Monday.
- PE days: Wednesday and Thursday.
- The Year 1 curriculum overview presentation is on Wednesday 5th November at 3:15pm.

