Curriculum Map
Year 1
Autumn 2 (2026-27)

English

During the first half of this half term, the children will be learning how to write a recount. They will learn about the main features of a recount and they will write their own recount of the story "The Queen's Hat". The children will also learn how to write a letter and they will write their own poster.

During the second half of this half term, the children will read the story "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". They will write a character description, a setting description and a letter, all relating to the story.

Grammar

The children will be learning how to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and how to use a capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I'.

Science

Our topic is "Seasonal Changes Autumn - Winter/Plants". We will go on a welly walk to observe and record the signs of Autumn and Winter. We will learn about how the number of daylight hours changes across the seasons and observe and describe weather associated with the seasons, particularly in Autumn and Winter. We will learn about deciduous trees and how some trees change across the seasons. We will also learn about the different parts of plants and trees.

Music

The children will follow the Charanga Unit "Rhythm in the Way We Walk" (Reggae style) and "Banana Rap" (Hip Hop style). They will listen and appraise other styles of music and continue to embed their skills through games and singing.

Design and Technology

Our topic is "Food: Fruit Salad". The children will be naming and discussing where different fruit and vegetables come from. They will be using a range of tools to prepare and make their own delicious and healthy salads.

Phonics

The children will be split into groups for phonics. They will be covering Sets 1, 2 or 3.

Computing

During our first lesson we will focus on online safety. We will then explore our new topic "Mini-Beasts". The children will use technology to classify mini-beasts and they will learn about gathering and presenting information. They will make their own nature documentary.

Religious Education

This half term our question of focus is "How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?" The children will identify special times in their lives, explore some ways Christians celebrate important festivals, discuss how people celebrate Christmas and retell stories connected with Christmas.

PSHE / Resiliency

In PSHE the children will learn about safety in familiar situations, personal safety and people who help to keep them safe outside of the home. In our Resiliency sessions, we will be exploring being part of a community, being appreciative and having empathy for others.

Physical Education

This half term our topics will be 'Basketball' and 'Touchdown'. The children will learn developing fundamental movement skills like running, jumping, throwing and catching, improving basic ball control such as dribbling, passing and receiving. They will learn the basic rules of Touchdown and they will learn to throw overarm and underarm. They will enjoy competing in competitive games.

Maths

This half term we will be exploring number bonds to and within 10. Then we will introduce subtraction. The children will begin by taking away by crossing out, followed by taking away using the symbol, then subtract by counting back. The children will then investigate finding the difference and finding a part. Next, we will compare addition and subtraction statements and explore fact families. After that, the children will learn about 2D and 3D shapes. The children will sort and classify the shapes and explore patterns.

Geography

This half term our topic is "Our Locality". The children will identify key human and physical features in our local community and they will use a map to identify the location of local landmarks. The children will identify and describe key features of two walking routes to Stanley Park and they will have the opportunity to conduct a traffic survey to find out which is the busier of two roads.

Throughout this topic the children will record the weather every day and identify patterns in the weather.

Modern Foreign Languages – Spanish

In addition to our own Spanish lessons, we will have a specialist teacher who comes in every week to teach the children. Our topic is Self, Family and Friends. The children will learn how to sing a greetings song, they will say how they feel, say what they are called and where they live. The children will count from 1 to 15 and name numbers out of sequence. The children will name different types of toys and learn rhymes and songs about toys. The children will listen to and join in with a Christmas story.

Enrichment

As part of our work in science, the children will take part in an outdoor welly walk around the school grounds to find, observe and record signs of Autumn/Winter. Christmas activities include Christmas in the local church and Christmas dinner and jumper day.