



The KS1 topic this term is. . .

Home Sweet Home

Welcome to the Autumn Term in KS1! We hope you've had a lovely Summer and are looking forward to a great start to the new school year. Read on to find out all of the fabulous things we'll be doing this term.

Our topic this term is Home Sweet Home! We are learning all about where we live, different types of homes and materials that are used to build them. We are also focussing on maps and routes and learning about traditional tales in English lessons in conjunction with this.

In D&T we will be looking closely at castles and drawbridges mechanisms, in addition to designing and building fairy tale dwellings.

In PE we will be improving our fundamental movement skills. We will be learning how to pace ourselves when running, changing stride length depending on the activity and being in control of our bodies when balancing and jumping. We will also learn how to throw and catch with purpose and precision as part of a game.

As computer users we will be learning how to program and debug a robot using a 'Beebot' and we will be continuing to learn about e-safety in order to be responsible users of computer technology.

In RE we will be focussing on what it means to belong. We will be thinking about different communities and groups that we could belong to, including schools, groups such as Squirrels or Rainbows and different religions.

As historians we will be discovering how different homes throughout History have been built, what they looked like and what it was like to live in them. We will be making comparisons to the different types of homes we live in now.

As geographers we will be learning in depth about our local area. We will be discussing who lives in our homes with us and using maps to look at different routes we can take to school and places of interest in our local area. We will also be planning routes for fairy tale characters that we are learning about! We will be mapping our locality using both 2D and 3D landmarks as we embark on a walk to discover our local area!



In PSHE we will be focussing on what it means to lead a healthy life. This will include what a balanced diet looks like, the importance of hydration, exercise and keeping your mind healthy too! We will also be learning about how being clean, brushing teeth and getting a good night's sleep contribute to staying healthy.



As scientists we will be focussing on materials and their properties. We will experiment with creating a 'wolf-proof' house for the Three Little Pigs and consider different types of houses from around the World. We will consider different environments that houses can be found in and think about the suitability of houses for a specific environment.



As musicians we will be learning to rehearse and perform – particularly when we begin rehearsals for our Christmas Play (!) and we will be experiencing different composers' and performers' work with a focus on 'fairy music' and nursery rhymes suited to our Traditional Tales Topic.

As artists we will be exploring different patterns and textures, with a focus on printing. We will explore the works of artist Margaret Preston, learning printing techniques to represent where we live.

Children will be heard to read by their Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant regularly. Please write in your child's reading record whenever they read with you as per the Home School Agreement. In KS1, children take part in our 'Reading Stars' scheme in school, where they receive prizes such as certificates, badges and books as they achieve more 'reads'. Please ensure that children bring a waterproof coat to school as we are often outdoors in all weathers. Additionally, as the weather changes over the Autumn Term, children will need to bring warm outdoor clothing such as hats and gloves. Children should also have a pair of wellies to leave at school so that they can make use of the outdoor areas or engage with outdoor learning, particularly as the weather changes in the Autumn Term. Please ensure that ALL ITEMS of clothing are labelled with your child's name. In Year 1, we are always in need of junk modelling items such as cardboard boxes (no bigger than a cereal box), kitchen roll tubes (kitchen roll tubes only) egg boxes, yoghurt pots etc. (all washed and dry please)! If you have any questions or concerns about your child please don't hesitate to approach relevant staff in the KS1 team and we will do our best to help.

Many thanks for your continued support, from the KS1 team!