



School value:

Our school value for this half term is Respect. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

Welcome to the Autumn 2 term in year 1. We are excited for this term because of all the exciting learning we will be doing. We are also looking forward to our Nativity in December as we haven't had one for a few years. This half term we will be learning about the local area as we journey through time, and hopefully finding some buildings in Woolwich that were built in the 1700's. We will ensure all lessons challenge all pupils through a variety of activities, providing opportunities for feedback from adults and peers.

Year 1's learning this half term:

During this half term, the learning in year 1 will continue to be based around the global theme of 'Identity and diversity', with a focus on self-identity. Over the course of the term, the children will be learning what makes us unique and identify how we belong to different groups. We will be focussing on self-identity in relation to our local area.

In English, this half term Year 1 will be reading our core text 'Island Born'. We will continue to explore the themes of identity and diversity. Island Born is about an Afro-Caribbean girl who left her country at a young age and she cannot remember what her home was like. We will create a fact file of where she was from to help her regain these precious memories. We will begin our journey by generating descriptive language about the setting. Then we will research her home and find out some amazing facts which we will use.

In Maths, this half term Year 1 will be building on our prior learning by adding and subtracting numbers through partitioning using the whole-part model and the bar model. This will then support our learning when we order numbers from biggest to smallest and smallest to biggest. To extend our learning, we will be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's before learn about the properties in 2D and 3D shapes

In Science, we will be learning about living and non-living. In addition, we will be classifying different objects and justifying why we think they go in specific groups. To extend our learning we will identify different habitats and start to develop an understanding of why different animals are suited to their habitat.



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In PE, we will be balancing on different apparatus and identifying how we can combine movements while we travel in different directions. We will be developing our skills of spatial awareness as we move around on the apparatus. We will be jumping, running, hopping and skipping as we move around to traverse the different apparatus.

In art we will be using printing techniques to create a brightly coloured forest. We will use different materials and add them to the final outcome to create a collage. Relief leaves will be added to create a 3D effect. We will be using a viewfinder to sketch specific parts of an images and we will each create an abstract ocean using blue, white and black shapes which we will combine together to create an additional outcome. We will be looking at the artist Leo Espinosa who illustrated our core text Island Born.

Our RE focus this half term is Christianity. Throughout the term we will be focusing on important features of the church and what celebrations are celebrated by Christians. We will be learning about some of the stories that Christians share and what the significance is of them.

General Information

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PE: PE will take place twice a week. Please make sure children bring their PE kits at the start of term. They will be taken home again at the end of half term so they can be washed. It is important the children have their PE kit in school every day. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Reading records: Please ensure children bring in their reading records daily so that we will be able to see what reading has taken place.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Dates for the Diary:

19th November –
children in need

Tuesday 23rd November
KS1 maths parent
morning

Friday 26th November –
INSET day, kids not in
school

1st December – Science
Museum Trip

3rd December
pantomime for KS1

10th December –
Christmas jumper day

13TH December – KS1
nativity