



Explorer Class Year 1 Autumn Term

Core Areas of Learning

Our Topic

Our **topic** this term is 'Marvellous me and People who help us!' We will be learning our likes, dislikes, how to stay healthy, all about where we live, the people in our community and about childhood now and from the past.

In English, we will be developing our writing stamina including using a strong pencil grip and neat grapheme formation. We will continue to develop our sentence writing skills, ensuring that capital letters, finger spaces and full stops are correctly and consistently used. We will be learning how to 'hold a sentence' by speaking it out loud before writing it. We will also be learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction. In our speaking and listening lessons we will be focusing on responding to adults and peers including expressing of feelings and preferences towards different genres of books.

In Phonics we will be reviewing our Little Wandle phase 3 sounds. We will also be learning phase 4 and 5 sounds which we will then apply into our reading and spelling. In our phase 5 sounds we will be learning about alternative pronunciation sounds such as 'ai, ay' and how to recognise them in our reading and apply them in our writing.

In Maths, (Number) we will be consolidating our learning of place value to 10 and representing numbers and objects in a variety of ways. We will be learning about addition and subtraction to 10. **In Shape** we will be recognising, naming and sorting a range of both 2D and 3D shapes. Our mastery approach will include showing our understanding of numbers and shape through concrete, pictorial and abstract answers.

In Science, we will be learning about the human body. We will name and locate parts of the body and also name the five senses and the part of the body they are related to. We will also investigate how we use our 5 senses and how they help to keep us safe. We will also be learning how to work scientifically using practical scientific methods, processes and skills.

Religious Education

In **Religious Education** we will be revisiting what it means to belong to a Christian School and our School Vision and Christian Values. We will also be learning about the Creation Story (The Book of Genesis) and understanding how this ties into philosophy.

Computing

In **Computing** we will be learning how to log on to a computer and how to keep our information private. We will also be discussing how to stay safe online and what to do if we see anything that is worrying.

History

In **History** we will be learning all about how childhood has changed over time. We will research what toys were played with in the past and how the popularity of different toys has changed over time.

Design & Technology

In **D&T** we will be learning about how to design purposeful, functional and appealing products for ourselves. We will be focusing on a number of skills including how to design, make and evaluate our project.

Art

We will be using our topic to carrying out a number of art activities including making self-portraits and learning about paint mixing. We will also be studying other famous self-portraits and learning to critique artists and their work.

Music

In **Music** we will be learning the foundations of pulse and rhythm from "My musical heartbeat" on charanga. We will also be listening to music that focuses on feeling, emotions and overcoming challenges.

PE

In **PE** we will be developing our fundamentals skills including, balance stability and control. We will also be developing our skills of changing speed and direction. We will be learning about Invasion games, developing movement skills, and understanding rules and tactics.

PSHE

In **PSHE** we will be learning about *Relationships*. We will be talking about the differences and similarities between people, families and communities. We will be discussing the importance of caring for others and for being cared for ourselves.