

During Summer term, Year 1 will be extending their learning and curriculum knowledge around an engaging 'Alien Invasion' topic following a UFO crash landing in the middle of our classroom! This topic aims to engage the children in exciting and practical learning activities which will culminate in a whole school carnival. Throughout the topic the children will be developing their skills and understanding in the core subjects and many foundation subjects such as creating a class mini golf hole.

English: The children will have daily phonics and English lessons, as well as a weekly handwriting session which will focus on letter formation and sizing.

In English the children will be given opportunities to develop creative responses to text through drama, poetry, storytelling and artwork.

I aim to develop the children's stamina for writing this term whilst I also aim to develop the children's spoken language and oral vocabulary by incorporating drama into our English lessons. The children will partake in various activities such as hot seating which will allow them to use spoken language to develop understanding through imagining and exploring ideas.

We will explore a range of texts such as 'Beegu' and 'Whatever Next!' We will use these texts to inspire writing pieces for a range of genres including letters, lists, diary entries, postcards and stories.

We will also be learning an acrostic poem about space and learning how to write a fact file about one of the planets in the solar system.

Art/ Design Technology: In Art Year 1 will be creating 3D sculptures of the alien Beegu from our story. The children will be using a range of materials to creatively design and make aliens, planets and astronaut helmets.

The children will use their creative skills to design and create an 'outer space' theme mini golf hole which will contribute to a whole school mini golf course. As a class, they will communicate and evaluate their ideas to conclude the best materials and design of course.

Year 1
Summer Term
2021

Topic
Alien Invasion

History: We will be looking at what it takes to be a great explorer. We will begin by discovering why Ranulph Fiennes can be found in the *Guinness World Records* before learning about the achievements of Amy Johnson and Christopher Columbus. We will then be learning all about the astronaut Neil Armstrong and will consider whether we believe we are the kind of person who could become a Mars explorer?

PSHE: We will continue our weekly lessons focusing on safety and the ever-changing body, citizenship and economic wellbeing. We will be learning about how we can keep ourselves safe and discussing the term belonging and celebrating uniqueness. We will also be looking at where does money come from and how can we look after money?

Maths: We will continue to extend our learning in Maths by engaging in fun and hands on activities which will enable the children to secure a concrete understanding of mathematical concepts. We will explore measurement; length, height, weight and volume. We will also begin to explore multiplication and division. After half term during the final weeks of Year 1 we will extend our knowledge of place value by exploring numbers to 100, as well as learning about fractions, geometry, money and time.

Science: In Science this term we will be learning about everyday materials. The children will learn the names of common materials which can be found in our environment and will understand that objects are made of different materials because their properties serve a purpose. The children will learn to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. We will take part in lots of practical learning and exciting experiments such as finding out "Which materials are the most suitable to make a space rocket?"

Music: The children will be given an insight into classical music by the piece 'Mars' from 'The Planets' by British composer Gustav Holst. We will be using our voices, bodies and instruments to make different sounds as we produce a short musical composition of music representing Earth.

Computing: In our computing lessons the children are going to explore a range of technology including laptops and spheros. They will learn to turn on/off, navigate the mouse pad and access simple programs.