

Year 1

2017-2018



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to our new year.

We have a variety of interesting themes this year which we hope will inspire and motivate your children and encourage them in their learning.

There is an overview of our Year 1 curriculum for the first half of the Spring Term below. Please take the opportunity to discuss their work with your child and if you require any more information on the themes, any of us here in Year 1 will be happy to help. We welcome your involvement in your child's education so if you feel that you can contribute in any way, please let us know.

As you know, we are very committed to our cross curricular approach to learning as we feel that it makes it relevant and fun for the children whilst challenging them and allowing them to develop their curiosity. Hopefully we will inspire a few of them to continue their learning about some of the themes outside of school along the way.

	Spring Term 1 Where the Wild Things Are?
UNICEF	Our theme this half term is based around Article 31; Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.
English	We will be developing our writing skills and applying them to a range of genres including narratives and recounts. We will be extending our reading strategies and will be looking at non-fiction texts. We will be continuing to develop our reading skills by applying our phonic knowledge.
Mathematics	We will be deepening our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will be extending our knowledge to numbers to 20. We will be learning about place value and the role of zero as a place holder and applying our knowledge to addition and subtraction. We will begin to investigate shape and patterns.
Science	We will be learning about everyday materials. We will be able to identify and sort a range of everyday materials. We will be thinking about their properties and being able to describe the different materials using scientific words.
Art & Design	We will be painting and drawing developing our ideas and imaginative skills and creating large artworks of Wild Things! We will be designing our own Wild Things.
Computing	We will be learning all about Crazy Creatures and how to develop their understanding of control, directional language and programming using a programmable toy such as a Beebot.
D&T	We will be using a range of tools and materials to create our own Wild Things. We will also create healthy Wild Thing faces and eating them. We will be making Wild Thing biscuits.
Geography	We will be looking at World maps and thinking about where different animals live. We will be identifying hot and cold countries and comparing them to the United Kingdom.
History	
Music	We will be increasing our repertoire of songs and learning how to play tuned and untuned instruments musically. We will be learning songs and hymns for our Worship and Assemblies.
PE	We will be developing our gymnastic skills, learning how to use our bodies in interesting ways to help us to climb, jump and balance and using our new skills to climb safely on the apparatus.

By following our new curriculum we anticipate that the majority of our children will be working at least at a secure level 1 by the end of the year.