



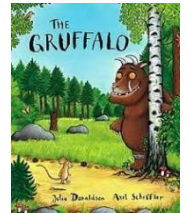
Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term our topic is all about 'The Enchanted Forest'. We are very excited and hope to bring the children plenty of opportunity to explore the outdoors.

Please read this letter to find out more about what we will be teaching in each subject area during this half-term. Our website also has more detailed information of how each of these subjects are taught progressively (click on the 'curriculum' tab).

English

We will continue to follow the Read write Inc scheme in phonics. The children will be learning lots of new special friends depending on the group they are in and applying these in their reading and writing. We will be looking at the story 'The Gruffalo' over the course of this half term. The children will be learning what a noun and adjective is and how we can apply this to writing our own character descriptions. Our main focus for writing this half term will be to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.



Maths

In Maths we will be consolidating our understanding of place value within 10. The children will be sorting objects into groups and identifying 1 more/1 less than a given number. The children will also be learning how to compare numbers within 10 using the symbols $<$, $>$, $=$ alongside the language greater than, less than, equal to.

Science

In our science lessons this half term we will be exploring different animals and looking at how we can classify these depending on their diet. The children will be introduced to the vocabulary: omnivore, carnivore and herbivore and will have active opportunity to group a range of animals accordingly. The children have already shown an interest to the small world animals within our classrooms so we are confident they will get a lot out of this learning.

We will also be learning a lot about the season Autumn in our forest school sessions and the different weather patterns that happen during this season.

Art

In Art, we will be learning about Gustav Klimt and how he uses different lines and patterns to create 'the tree of life'. We will be comparing our artwork to his and thinking carefully about what is the same/different. We will be linking this carefully to our science work on the seasons.



PSHE

Our PSHE focus is 'Being me in my world'. We will focus on supporting children with their transition into Year 1, recapping and understand why rules and routines are important. We will then discover what makes us special and the importance of feeling safe and secure within school and how this has an impact on us being able to make the correct choices.

R.E

In R.E., we will be looking at the Creation story and thinking about the key question 'Does God want Christians to look after the world?'. We will think carefully about the events that took place and the importance of our world being looked after.

Computing

In computing we will be becoming familiar with using the chrome books. We will be practising the skills of logging on and off the computers as well as becoming more confident with typing our names using the keyboard. The children will have lots of discussions on computer safety and we will explore why it is so important that we have a password to access our computers.



Geography

Through our Geography lessons this half term we will be exploring the four seasons and becoming more familiar with the season 'Autumn'. The children will be identifying features of Autumn as well as exploring the seasonal and daily weather patterns through collecting and recording their own observations.

PE

Our PE topic this half-term is uni-hoc. Children will learn to pass, dribble and shoot using hockey sticks. With our coach (Mr Bourne) children will be focusing on develop multi-skills of throwing and catching.

Homework

Homework is a vital way in which children can practise key knowledge and skills that they have learnt in school. Please can you support your child to read **at least three times a week**. All we ask is that you initial the record sheet at the front of the homework book. If your child struggles with any home learning task, please just make a note of this in the book so that we can support them as necessary.

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Upcoming dates:

When?	What?
Monday 18 th September	School photographs
Wednesday 11 th October	Harvest Celebration
Thursday 12 th October	RMC Pumpkin Party

We would like to take the opportunity to say well done to the children. They have settled in really well with our year 1 routines and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Kind regards,
The Year 1 Team
Mrs Attwood and Mrs Dodd