



Topic Learning Letter

Year One - Spring 2

Topic	Our topic this half term is Scales, Fur and Slime . We will be having swimming every Wednesday afternoon and the children will also have afternoon PE and Music with Mr Gilkes and Mrs Fitt on a Tuesday.
Launch and Land	We will launch our topic looking after some baby chicks. We will watch them hatch and grow. We will land our topic by visiting Boydells Farm.
Science	In science, we will be learning about animals, both identifying animals and using what we know about their features and habitats to sort them. The children will investigate the animal groups of reptiles, mammals, amphibians, fish and birds – and which animals each of these groups contains. We will also explore the definition of herbivore, omnivore and carnivore and explore how the animals fit into these categories too.
Computing	The children will be learning to code a sprite by inputting a command to make the sprite move. They will learn how to 'debug' and complete different coding challenges.
Art	In art, we will be working on drawing skills. We will explore how to create texture, tone and depth when drawing, and also explore the artist Paul Klee and his line drawings. The children will decide their favourite drawing techniques to create their own animal portrait.
History	In history this half term we will be looking at My Chronology. The children will be looking at the different stages that they have gone through so far in their life (baby, toddler, pre-school and school-age). The children will then look at how they have changed throughout their life and what significant events that have happened throughout their life too.
Geography	This half term, our main enquiry question is: What is the geography of where I live? The children will be looking at aerial images of the school and the local area to find both human and physical features of the world around them. We will then move onto to looking at a map of the school and how we can direct people using directional language such as left and right.
Music	In music this half term we will continue to explore timbre, rhythm and keeping a steady beat. We will explore making different types of music to match and deflect different animals.
PSHE	This half term's focus is Healthy Me. We will explore what healthy means, and how we can keep both our bodies and our minds healthy. We will discuss the choices that we can make regarding our health, and how to make good choices. We will talk about the various types of foods (fats, proteins, fruits and vegetables, dairy, and grains) and how to have a balanced diet.
Reminders	Please can all uniform, including shoes, be clearly named, and the names regularly refreshed where written in pen. It is extremely helpful if hats and gloves are also named.

If you have any questions or concerns at all please talk to one of the Year One Team.