

Music

Our music lessons will be focusing on the theme of 'Senses'. Through a variety of activities and song we will learn about the tempo, pulse and dynamics of music.

P.E

'Ball skills' will be our focus this term. We will concentrate on dribbling, accuracy of rolling a ball, hitting a target with a ball and catching confidently.

Key Websites and Resources:

- EdShed (Spelling Shed)- to practise spellings
- BBC Bitesize (KS1– Year 1 area)- for all subjects
- Oxford Owl for home– free activities and resources
- Top Marks– Maths and English games
- RWI phonics videos attached to weekly email

Opal Essentials

Having the following in school ensures your child has the best opportunity for a calm, happy and successful day. Thank you!

- A coat and suitable footwear for outside learning (all named)
- Sun cream and a sunhat for hot weather
- A water bottle (no squash/juice) and healthy snacks (all named)
- Red reading book bags with 2x RWI books. Please make sure reading is logged on Boomreader.
- Phonics homework to be returned on Fridays. Maths homework to be returned by date stated in weekly emails

Cornwall My Home

This Autumn term, Opal Class will be focusing on Cornwall's rich heritage and inspiring local environment.

Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Opal Class

Year 1

Miss Horne

This term, Opal Class will use the topic of 'Cornwall My Home' to continue meeting the year 1 National Curriculum objectives.

Writing

In order to reinforce our writing skills, in the first few weeks of school, we will be using a rich variety of texts as a stimulus to writing. Some books include 'Its Not a Stick', 'The Leaf Thief', and 'The Gigantic Turnip'. From Autumn 2 our overarching text will be, 'Superworm'. We will internalise this texts using actions and story maps before innovating and inventing our own stories. Hand-writing and letter formation will be an essential skill that is heavily focused on this term. We will be learning how to punctuate sentences with a capital letter and a full stop.

Reading

Read, Write, Inc.. (RWI) lessons will take place every morning for 45 minutes. This lesson involves the teaching of a new sound, decoding, blending and writing words and moving on to reading short story books. The children will also read their RWI books daily in class with an adult as well as listening to our class text. Daily reading at home is vital to consolidate key knowledge learnt in school.

Mathematics

The big focus for the Autumn term will be place value, and addition/subtraction (within 10). Throughout the term, the children will practice and solve simple mathematic problems, until they are fluent. They will combine and increase numbers, counting forwards and backwards. During all math's lessons, the children will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills, using familiar practical concepts.

Science

In Science, we will be focusing on seasonal changes and animals, including humans. We will be immersing ourselves in the outdoors, especially when learning about changes across the seasons. We will have the opportunity to explore the five senses through simple investigations. The children will use the local environment to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat.

Key Vocabulary:

English— adjective , capital letter, full stop, prefix, suffix, singular, plural

Maths— more, less, add, subtract, greater than, less than, equal, 2-D/3-D

Science— seasons, weather, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, mammal, reptile

History— past, present, sequence, memory, future, timeline, event, milestone

Geography- town, village, human, physical, compass, aerial, map, features

Art and Design Technology

Our science topic of 'seasonal change' will inspire our art outcomes this term as we explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We will experiment with colour, pattern and shape while creating compositions using natural resources such as autumnal leaves, twigs, conkers, acorns and more. As harvest time nears we will be exploring seasonal fruit and vegetables. We will learn how to prepare food safely and explore a range of cooking equipment and techniques. We will then use all the skills we have learned to cook a harvest vegetable soup to serve to our families at our harvest celebration on Friday 4th October.

PSHE and RE

Christianity is the faith we will study this term asking the question, "How might Christians describe the creator of the world?" Our PSHE theme is, Valuing Difference. We will discuss topics such as, how we are the same but different, celebrating our special qualities.

History and Geography

This term we will focus on the children's living history, including school life and how this has changed within living memory. We will sequence and order pictures, focusing on past and present. Walks around the village will help us to identify key human and physical features in St Day.

Computing

Our topics in computing will be 'Technology around us' and 'programming.' We will develop our understanding of technology and the components of a computer whilst using it responsibly. The children will learn about a range of tools that they can use to control our brilliant Beebot robots