

EYFS and Year 1 SPRING TERM 2021 – ‘I wish I was a...’

LITERACY

Maples and Willows will continue to build their reading skills through phonics and whole class reading this term. Oral blending plays a significant part in early reading and we will explore this skill through lots of fun phonics games and activities. We will also be using our fingers to help us to ‘pinch to blend’ the sounds, so that we can read and write words, captions and sentences. In addition to this, we will be enjoying listening to a collection of traditional tales and exploring the theme ‘I wish I was a...’ through learning about People Who Help Us and superheroes.

Year 1 will be writing to entertain this term and using their story telling skills to create their own narratives.

Maths

To help us to develop our marvellous mathematical brains, this term we will be focusing on numbers to 10, moving onto numbers to 20 and beyond. We will continue to develop our subitising skills as we learn to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many there are without needing to count them.

Additionally, Year 1 children will explore measurement in relation to length, height, weight, volume and time.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This term, our RE learning will focus on the question ‘Why is the word ‘God’ so important to Christians?’ As part of this, the children will think about people who are special or important to them and learn about why God is a ‘VIP’ to Christians. We will also learn about Easter and why this is a significant celebration for Christians.

As Historians, Year 1 children will be exploring changes within living memory, focusing on toys and how they have changed over the years. As Scientists, the children will be investigating seasonal changes and the impact this has on the environment.

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

This term we will be exploring different media and materials to help us develop our imaginative and creative artistic skills.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

We will be broadening our vocabulary by learning lots of new words and their meanings. We will retell the traditional tales using our own characters and settings to aid this.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In PE, Maple and Willow will be exploring movement through dance. The children will enjoy dance sessions based on our traditional tales and superhero themes.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

As part of our ongoing Personal, Social and Emotional Development learning, we will continue to think about feelings and behaviour and how this can impact positively on our learning. We love to celebrate our learning behaviours in different ways. In Maples and Willows we talk about these ways of learning as if they were dinosaurs! Our ‘Characteristics of Effective Learning’ Achievosaurus are Tryatops, Thinkodocus, Stickosaurus, Explorosaur, Askaraptor, Solveosaurus Rex and Shareonyx. This term we will be focusing on how to become a terrific Thinkodocus, a sensational Stickosaurus or an astounding Askaraptor.

Year 1 children will explore their feelings during Relationships and Health Education (RHE).