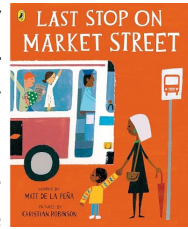


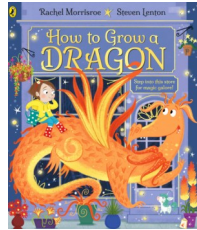
Over the next term, Year 1 Will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through weekly.

English

In English, we will focus on texts linked to our History and Geography lessons. We will look at a range of non-fiction texts, from a report about castles, a diary entry about a job in a castle to writing instructions. We will use the text *The Last Stop on Market Street* to help us write a story about our local area and finally use Rumble in the Jungle to support us writing poetry.



We will continue to practice punctuating our sentences using capital letters and full stops and learn how to use question marks and exclamation marks. We will also be looking at how to use the conjunctions and, because and but in our writing.



Maths

In Maths, we will be starting off with consolidating our existing knowledge of adding and subtracting within 20. We will see how we have used our skills of number bonds within 10 to solve additions and subtractions within 20.

We will then be moving on to place value within 50. We will practise counting on from 20 to 50 fluently and try to understand how to count by making groups of tens. We will then move onto partitioning numbers into tens and ones, using the number line to 50 and estimating on a number line.

The children will also learn how to measure height and length alongside mass and capacity. We will then start some basic multiplication and division, focusing on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.



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Science

In Science, we will be learning all about plants. The children will explore and name common garden flowers and wildflowers, identify two types of trees, and learn the different parts of a plant. As part of our hands-on learning, we will also plant our own seeds and watch them grow over time. This topic is a wonderful way to develop observation skills, encourage curiosity about the natural world, and help children understand the importance of caring for living things.



New Vocabulary:

Plants, Roots, Stem, Leaves, Flower, petal, seeds

Curriculum

In History we will be learning about castles. We will learn about what a castle is and why they were built, label the parts of a castle and what they were used/needed for. We will learn about who lived in a castle and what life was like compared to today.

In Geography we will be learning about our local area, Dudley. We will expand our knowledge of map work by looking at key features and landmarks of Dudley. We will look at maps of Dudley over time and compare what has changed.

In DT we will be learning about what a drawbridge is alongside its purpose and what it looks like. We will practise making a pulley system and focus on the colours, shapes and patterns used on drawbridges before moving on to designing our own working drawbridge.



In Art we will be learning about the photographer Magda Indigo. She is known for taking images of plants with lots of vibrant colours. We will take inspiration from her and practise our own photography too.

New Vocabulary:

Castle, drawbridge, pulley, moat, attack, defend, patterns.

PE

Children will have PE lessons on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. We will be focusing on Gymnastics and Dance.

Please remember to have your PE kit in school at all times as there may be occasions where PE lessons have to be moved to a different day. Long hair should be tied back. Earrings **MUST** be removed at home before school and should not be covered by plasters. Please remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. **ALL** jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Computing

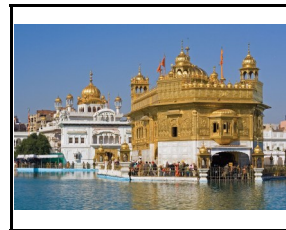
Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to Maze explorers and animation stories. We will also learn about how to **stay safe online**. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to devices where the internet can be accessed.

PSHE

We will start our Jigsaw topic, Dreams and Goals thinking about what makes us happy, what we want to be when we grow up, working as a team and linking in with our values of respect and responsibility. After half term our Jigsaw learning will focus on healthy eating.

RE

In RE we will introduce the children to Sikhism and look at how a Temple is used as a place of worship. We will look at the different Sikh beliefs such as God's and Guru's and explore significant beliefs about the origin of a sacred book (Guru Granth Sahib). We will end by looking at the key festivals and stories within Sikhism.



Homework

Reading at home: We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books.

Spellings: In year 1 children have a range of spellings they should know and be able to spell accurately. These spellings are linked to our phonics programme and children will be taught to spell using their fred fingers.

Key messages

- All children are entitled for free school meals throughout year 1.
- Just like in Reception, please only send book bags with children into school. We do not have the space to store rucksacks.
- Toast money is £1 for the week and will need to be paid on Mondays. We are unable to accept money any other day of the week.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Hall, Miss Millward, Mrs Parvaze, Mrs Maynes, Mrs Wiltshire and Mrs Checkley.

