

## Year 1 Curriculum Overview 2021-22 Spring 1

# London

### English

In English, we will be looking at stories based on London. We are going to be using stories such as 'Katie in London', 'The Queen's Hat' and 'Paddington'. We will be writing letters to the Queen, telling her about what we are learning and asking her questions about things we want to find out. We will be focusing on extending our writing by using conjunctions such as 'and' and 'because'.

You could help your child at home by practising writing both questions and sentences. They could write a letter to a friend or family member to practise the skills they are learning in school. Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week and practise their lottos/KRM words.

### Maths

In maths, we are continuing our learning on place value and addition and subtraction. We will be using our addition and subtraction skills to develop our numbers to 20. We will then return to our place value and be working on numbers to 50.

We will be using number lines and our maths equipment to support our learning. We will be continuing our focus on writing and forming numbers 0-20 in both numerals and words.

You could help your child at home by encouraging them to complete some addition and subtraction using pasta, pencils, or even their toys with numbers up to 20. You can continue to practise your child's number formation focusing on numbers 11-20 ensuring the numbers are consistently formed and the correct way round.

### Music

In music, we are going to explore rhythm and melody through singing and listening to music.

You could help your child at home by finding rhyming words in both songs and stories. They could also play some rhyming games.

### Art

In art lessons, children will be learning to design and make our own London Skyline. We will be looking at silhouettes and using a technique called 'colour washing'.

You could help your child at home by noting the shapes of building when on your way to and from school.

### Computing

In computing lessons, we are learning to develop our word processing skills. We will be learning how to use a touch pad.

You could help your child at home by playing simple app games such as cbeebies games – Numberblocks.

### Physical Education (PE)

In PE, we will be learning to focus our minds and learn core strength using Yoga. We will also be focusing on fundamental skills, such as under arm throwing to a target.

You could help your child at home by encouraging them to play ball games, such as catch.

### Design and Technology

In D&T, we will be designing and making an egg cup.

You could help your child at home by researching different types of egg cups and discussing designs they may want to use.

### Science

In science, we are learning to identify and name every day materials and will have the opportunity to explore the properties of these materials.

You could help your child at home by talking about different materials (wood, plastic, rock, glass, metal) of things you have at home, or you see when you are out and about.

### Topic (History/Geography)

In geography, our topic is 'Our World, Our Country'. We will be looking firstly at the United Kingdom, then focusing on our country and its capital city. We will be comparing towns and countries and then comparing different cities within our world.

You could help your child by discussing places you have visited. It may be a day trip to Wales, a weekend in London or a holiday abroad. You could go on walks at Cannock Chase and discuss how this area is different to a busy city.

### Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will be focussing on important celebrations in different faiths and what we think a special celebration would be. We will look at how people commemorate the occasions differently.

You could help your child at home by discussing important moments in their life, e.g. birthdays.

### Health and Relationships Education (HRE)

For Safer Internet Day which is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we will be discussing how to keep ourselves safe when online. We will be using 'Buddy the Dog' to explain how and why this is important.

We will look at the celebration Chinese New Year and learn all about this year's animal; The Tiger. We will also read the story 'Dragons in the City' to explain more about this celebration.

Children's Mental Health Week which takes place in the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February has a theme this year of 'Growing Together'. We will be completing a range of activities and reading different stories to support this important subject.

