

Curriculum Information Year 1

Spring 2023



Hello everyone, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas Break. I look forward to starting 2023 with an exciting term for Year 1.

This half term, our Topic Day focus is 'Global Goals: Life Below Water'; in this, Year 1 will be focusing on the environmental threats faced by underwater life. They will explore the impact of litter and learn about how we can protect our oceans.

Our topic this half term is "Fires". Throughout this topic, Year 1 will focus on significant historical fires from different time periods: The Great Fire of London (1666), Bradford City Fire (1985) and Dalton Mill Fire (2022). We look forward to the fire engine visit so children can experience first hand the technology involved in fighting fires in the 21st Century!

We will continue to communicate your child's learning through 'Marvellous Me', sharing whole class activities and individual WOW moments. Children in Year 1 are encouraged to share their home news with their peers, therefore if your child wishes to share news such as: work, reading, achievement, or family holiday, please do so via the Year 1 class email (year1@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk). P.E. will be on Wednesday and Friday. Children's reading books will be changed on a Monday, please do ensure that books are brought into school every day.

Maths

This half term the children will continue their work on place value working with 2-digits to sort, count, order and compare numbers. Children will continue to explore representing numbers in different ways using rekenreks, base 10 and number lines.

They will also further develop their skills with addition and subtraction and understanding of number bonds.

Within the home setting maths will occur naturally however there are a few things you can do to support your child with their school focus for this half term.

- Counting, both forwards and backwards and from different starting points.
- Download the White Rose App and have a go at some games!

English

In English, Year 1 will be delving deeper into The Great Fire of London, writing recipes for 17th Century bakers on Pudding Lane and Newspaper Reports covering the events.

Whilst exploring new text types and writing styles, Year 1 will be consolidating their basic writing skills including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Children will be encouraged to use a developing vocabulary to add detail using adjectives, join ideas with conjunctions, and read back their work to check that it makes sense.

Book 1: Thomas the Baker

Book 2: Vlad and the Great Fire of London.

Phonics

In the Spring Term, Year 1 will continue with the 'Little Wandle' Phonics scheme, further developing their Phase 5 Phonics knowledge.

Children will continue to learn new tricky words and alternate spellings for sounds that they have previously covered, allowing them to more confidently decode and spell a wider range of words.

ICT

This half term, children will continue their learning through Purple Mash. They will look at Maze Explorers, using direction keys and understanding how to create and debug a set of instructions (algorithm). Children will also create stories accompanied with animated illustrations.

Topic

Our topic this half term is "Fires". Throughout this topic, Year 1 will focus on significant historical fires from different time periods: The Great Fire of London (1666), Bradford City Fire (1985) and Dalton Mill Fire (2022). They will also explore developments in firefighting throughout history as well as the developments in fire safety which prevent many fires from happening or support evacuation.

Art and Design

To tie into our 'Fires' topic, Year 1 will work towards producing a collage of The Great Fire of London. Children will explore different materials and discuss differences in appearance, texture and shape. They will build skills in cutting and ripping materials to desired shapes and form judgments on what they like and dislike about a piece of artwork.

Science

In Science, this half term Year 1 will be looking at 'Everyday Materials'. Children will focus on being able to identify different materials and distinguishing objects from the materials they are made of.

They will also investigate the properties of different materials and explore their uses. Children will build their working scientifically skills, conducting tests and carrying out observations of different materials.

P.E.

Year 1's PE days are Wednesday and Friday, please ensure that your children wear their PE kits on these days.

This half term, children will be working on gymnastics using apparatus and ball skills for football.

PSHE

Throughout PSHE this half term we will discuss 'Me and Others'. Children will think about what makes themselves and others special, the roles and responsibilities at home and at school, and about being co-operative with others.

R.E

This half term, our RE day will focus on how we celebrate special events. Children will:

- How we celebrate and what different celebrations mean.
- How different religions celebrate to give thanks.
- Learn about Sukkot in Judaism and Ramadan and Eid in Islam.

Home Learning

Reading - We recommend you read with your children every night whether that is them reading to you, or you reading to them. Encourage them to segment and blend when reading words. Know that we have learnt diagraphs (2 letters that make one sound e.g. ck) encourage them to look for the diagraph in the word to help them to segment. Ask questions about what they have read to check their comprehension and that they have understood it. Encourage them to answer questions with explanations rather than 'because I think so'.

****We are now encouraging children not to use their phonics if they know what the word says - lots of children think they have to sound out even if they know the word****

Words—Practise quick recall of word cards and have a go at trying to spell these with magnetic letters or writing equipment. (If you need additional word packs or a pack of sounds to help consolidation please let us know).