

Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

English



In English, we will become familiar with the traditional tales, *The Three Little Pigs* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We will do some descriptive writing inspired by the story of *The Bog Baby* by *Jeanne Willis*. To link with our topic work, we will write about our home. Watch out for a message requesting a photograph of your home to support this writing.

Maths



In Maths, we will start by learning the value of each digit in numbers to 20, e.g. $15 = 1 \text{ ten and } 5 \text{ ones}$. We will then practise addition and subtraction to 20. We will use concrete apparatus, number lines and count on and back from numbers in our heads. We will also use number bonds to 10 to help us work out addition and subtraction problems. Please help us by practising these at home.

Science & History



This half term in Science we will be learning about materials. We will practise identifying the materials that objects are made from, and use scientific vocabulary to describe these. We will then look at the different types of houses around Mickleover and discuss the similarities and differences between these. We will also look at the differences between old and new houses.

Computing



In Computing we will be developing our painting skills. We will learn how to select different brushes, colours and shapes to paint our own pictures. We will also continue to learn how to save and print our work.

Design & Technology



At the end of the half term we will be designing, making and evaluating our own castles. We will learn about the different features of a castle and experiment with ways in which we can cut, assemble and join the different parts. Please save any shoe boxes and cardboard tubes that you have as we will need these in a few weeks.

If you have any spare time at home, why don't you.....

- Go on a material hunt around your home. How many different types of material can you find?
- If you have a computer keyboard and mouse at home, the children would benefit from practising their typing skills from last term.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading, spellings and maths targets. ☺

Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Branch and Mrs Backler

