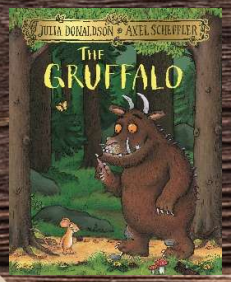
Autumn One in Year 1

English

Colourful Semantics

This half term, children will use Colourful Semantics to develop their sentence-building skills and learn how to write complete sentences independently. Using *The Gruffalo* as their focus text, children will explore the story in depth and use their understanding to write a retell of the story, a character description and a setting description. They will practise using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops while developing their vocabulary and confidence as young writers.

We are reading...



Reading

In KS1, children no longer have separate reading lessons. Instead, daily phonics sessions cover decoding, fluency, and comprehension. Story time now plays a key role, helping children enjoy a variety of texts, answer simple questions, and share opinions with peers—building confidence and a love of reading through discussion and engagement.

Maths

Place value

In Year 1, children learn to count forwards and backwards to 10, starting from any number. They begin to compare numbers using words like *more than* and *less than*, and symbols such as > and <. They're introduced to part-whole models, helping them understand how numbers can be split and combined. These skills build a strong foundation for number sense, using fun, hands-on activities with objects, number lines, and visual aids to support learning.

Addition and subtraction

In Year 1, children begin to explore addition and subtraction within 10 using practical methods. They use part-whole models to understand how numbers combine and separate. For addition, they practice counting on from a number. For subtraction, they use number lines and crossing out objects to help find the answer. These hands-on strategies help children build confidence and a strong foundation in early maths skills.

Art

Self portraits

This half term, children will explore self-portraits and learn about the famous artist Pablo Picasso. They will look closely at Picasso's unique style of artwork, discussing the shapes, colours and features he used in his portraits. Children will practise drawing and observing facial features before experimenting with Picasso-inspired techniques. At the end of the unit, they will create their own colourful Picasso-style self-portrait, showcasing their creativity and artistic skills.

History



<u>All About Me!</u>
This half term, children will learn about their own family history and how families can be represented using a family tree. They will explore the order of generations within their own families and develop an understanding of chronology. Children will also learn about the life of King Charles III and discover how historians use primary and secondary sources to find out about the past. Through their learning, they will compare life in the past with life today and investigate how jobs and roles have changed over time. This will help children develop an understanding of how people, families and communities have changed through history.

Science

<u>Seasonal Changes</u>
This half term, children will learn about the four seasons and how weather changes throughout the year. They will explore how different seasons can make us feel and begin to understand that extreme weather is becoming more common and can affect people and the environment. Children will also develop their scientific skills by making careful observations, using simple equipment, asking questions, and collecting information to help them find answers.



Music

<u>Hey You</u>
This unit will build on previous learning, it will be focused on one song: Hey You – Joanna Mangona, a hip-hop song for children. Children will listen and appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and playing.

PSHE

<u>Bushbury Citizen Project</u>
This is an exciting 7-week programme that encourages children to develop important life skills, positive values and a sense of responsibility within our school and wider community. Throughout the project, children will complete a range of activities to earn special badges, including Eco Warrior, Kindness Ambassador, Proud to Belong and Life Skills Leader. The project helps children build confidence, teamwork, resilience and respect for others while celebrating the positive contributions they make both in school and beyond.

Computing

<u>IT around us</u>
Children will learn how is information technology (IT) being used for good in our lives. With an initial focus on IT in the home, children explore how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals. Whilst discussing the responsible use of technology, and how to make smart choices when using it.



PE

<u>Dance – Animals</u>
Children will work on using their bodies to create shapes and patterns around a theme. They will then work with a partner to create a 16 count sequence.

<u>Net and Wall Games</u>
In PE, children will learn net and wall game skills including the ready and T-position, striking a ball with their palm, and working with a partner to build coordination, control, and teamwork.