

English

Our traditional tale focus this term will be 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' The children will retell, sequence and re-write the stories through story maps and actions. We will also practise information writing by presenting information in simple non-fiction texts such as recounts and reports. We will continue to teach Class Guided Reading to develop comprehension skills, as well as focusing on the children's individual reading. Please make sure the children's reading records and books are in school every day. Please continue to learn spellings as well as we will send these home and check how children are doing every week. Thank you for your continued support with both the reading and spelling at home.

Science

This term we shall be investigating different materials and their uses. The children will be looking at the differences between objects and the materials they are made from. We shall be investigating, identifying and describing their different properties.

Maths

This term we will develop our understanding of numbers and place value - reading, writing, counting and ordering numbers up to 50 and looking at what each digit is worth. The children will be learning how to make addition and subtraction facts for numbers from 10 to 13 and use these facts to solve simple problems.

Year 1

Who was Brunel?

Term 3 Jan/Feb 2022



Phonics

In Phonics we will continue our focus on teaching alternative ways of writing some phonemes (sounds). The children will continue to develop their understanding of consonant clusters, including words which begin with three consonants. We will also be learning strategies to read compound words and longer polysyllabic words.

Computing

This term we will begin by looking at the importance of following and creating instructions, both on screen and off screen. The children will be considering the order and organisation of these instructions. As part of our work for Internet Safety Day (Tuesday 8th February) we shall be looking at how we can keep ourselves safe when using electronic devices, both at home and at school.

P.E.

During this term we shall be developing a range of gymnastic skills including ways of travelling, balancing, rolling and moving safely off apparatus. We will be combining these ways of moving to create simple sequences of movements.

Design and Technology

We will be looking at pictures and books with flaps, levers and sliders and discussing how they work. We will then be designing and creating our own moving picture based upon trains and including facts about Brunel.

R.E.

Our RE lessons will centre upon the stories about Jesus as a friend to others. The children will listen to stories about Jesus and talk about what friendship means.

Music

In music this term the children will be developing their understanding of pitch, pulse and rhythm. We will discuss the instruments in the orchestra and the sounds they make. Class 4 will begin recorder lessons with Class 3 following in the summer term.

P.S.H.E.

Our P.S.H.E. work this term will be based around the theme of 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will be talking about how it feels to succeed at something and how to overcome obstacles to reach their goals.

History

Our history this term will focus on the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his links to Swindon. The children will investigate why the railway was so important and the impact it has had on the local area.

Dates for the diary (assuming restrictions allow us)

Friday 7th January – Snow White performance in school

Tuesday 25th January – trip to the STEAM museum

Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day

