

English

To begin the term, we will focus on the story of 'The Gruffalo', using adjectives to describe the Gruffalo and creating a wanted poster using the conjunction 'and'. The children will retell, sequence and re-write the story through story maps and actions. Then we will read the traditional tale of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will end the term by writing non-fiction sentences about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will continue with Guided Reading three times a week to develop children's fluency and comprehension skills. 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.

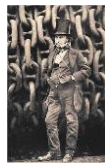
Maths

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of numbers and place value to 100 – counting forwards and backwards, identifying one more and one less, and comparing numbers. The children will continue to partition numbers 7-11, learning how to write addition and subtraction facts.

Year 1

Who was Brunel?

Term 3 Jan/Feb 2024



Phonics

In Phonics we will continue to 'grow the code' where the children learn alternative spellings for sounds already learnt e.g., y, ea, wh, ph, ey, as well as alternative pronunciations for sounds learnt.

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. We will continue to discuss how we can keep ourselves safe when using electronic devices, both at home and at school.

P.E.

This term the children will begin to learn, practise and develop simple hockey skills, focusing on how to hold and use the hockey stick to control, move and pass the ball.

Design and Technology

We will be looking at pictures and books with flaps, levers and sliders and discussing how they work. Then we will be designing and creating our own moving train pictures linked to our Brunel topic.

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, rhythm and dynamics in music. They will improvise and create their own simple melodies using glockenspiels. We will also explore how music makes the world a better place.

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

Thursday 25th January – Jack and the Beanstalk performance in school

Friday 26th January – Book Swap

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

