



Thistle Hill Academy

Year 1 Class Newsletter, Term 1



Creative Curriculum - Community

In our topic this term we will be discovering what a community is. The children will explore the local community by visiting some of the important locations within Minster. This will build upon their knowledge from their topic last year 'People who help us.'

The children will be developing their geographic skills. The children will then decide where they could build a new park and make the equipment they would like it to have. In music they will use their voices and un-tuned musical instruments to create a performance for the fabulous finish.

Key Dates

School Trip
9th September

Fabulous Finish
Wednesday 9th October

PE

This term our PE topic is **Agility and Gymnastics**.

Frogs: Monday and Friday

Moles: Wednesday and Friday

RE

In RE this term our topic is 'What is a Christian and what do they believe?'

The children will have the opportunity to take part in class discussions and look at the views of others. They will visit Minster Abbey as part of their trip.

Homework

Please note that English and Maths homework will be given out on Friday and is due in the following Thursday.



Maths

In maths this term we will be revising and extending their knowledge of the mathematical topics they covered last year. There will be a greater focus on mathematical talk and they will be answering more reasoning problems.

Place Value to 10 and 20

- Count backwards and forwards from 0 and any number.
- Children will be identifying and representing numbers using different manipulatives.

Addition and Subtraction within 10

- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts **within 10**.
- Solve one step problems using concrete objects and missing number problems.

Computing

The children will be learning about the importance of online safety. The children will also be learning basic computer skills such as saving and retrieving work.

English

We will be linking our writing to our topic. The texts we shall share this term are: Beeju, Strictly No Elephants, The Smartest Giant in Town, Community Soup, Funny Bones and The Giant Jam Sandwich.

We will be writing:

- Character descriptions.
- Setting descriptions.
- A retell of the story.
- Instructions

Science

We have two science topics this term. Animals including humans and plants. The children will be discovering and naming the different parts of the human body. They will be learning about the basic parts of a plant and naming common plants.

Reading

Children should be encouraged to read **daily and should read at least 3 times a week**.

When reading at home, remember to discuss the story, character's actions and feelings.

Don't forget to record when you have read with your child in the reading record so they can earn stickers for a free book.