

English

This term we will be looking at the key texts 'Handa's Surprise', 'Gruffalo's Crumble', 'Stickman' and different poems.

The children will follow the Talk 4 Writing process, allowing them the chance to learn the key texts off by heart, looking at new vocabulary, using role play and text maps to support our understanding of the key events and unpicking the text to infer meaning. Whilst writing their own version of a text, we will begin to work on the writing process along with correct use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, as well as the spelling of some Common Exception Words.

We will be starting our KS1 daily phonic groups and class guided reading. The children will receive focused phonic work on the sounds they need to learn and need support with, as well as the opportunity to read books specific to their phonic group. Please ensure you read with your child at home as much as possible, discussing what they have read as they go. Please go through the list of Common Exception Words- the children must be able to both read and spell them.

Maths

In the first half term, we will be focusing on numbers to 10; deepening our understanding of these numbers and finding out their place in the number system. In the second half term, we will be extending our knowledge of numbers to numbers to 20, thinking about place value, doubling and halving and odd and even.

Across the Autumn term, we will be using a variety of concrete equipment (tens frames, part whole models, bar models, objects, number lines/tracks). We will also be looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Ideas for Home: begin to learn number bonds to 10 (1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, 5+5), practise number formation, play board games using dice and counting on and back, quick fire 1 more and 1 less.

Creative

In art, we will be introducing sketchbooks as a way to share our thoughts/ ideas and looking at some key artists; Piet Mondrian and Bridget Riley focussing on using colour and line to create our own 'All About Me' artwork.

In D&T, we will be focussing on food technology, where we will be looking at identifying fruit and vegetables and the importance of a healthy diet. We will then be designing and making our own smoothies. Please look out for our handling and tasting foods letter!

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Watford and Me'. We will be finding out about ourselves and our bodies, before learning about our local area Watford. In History, we will be looking at language related to the passing of time, how we and Watford have changed, including Watford FC and other significant buildings in our town. In Geography, we will be learning about our town, where we are on a map and how to use, read and draw simple maps.

Watford and Me!



Autumn Term Year 1

Important Dates

Friday 21st October- Diwali Day

Friday 9th December- Hanukkah Day

TBC- Oxhey Park Walk

TBC- Watford FC (Vicarage Road Stadium)

TBC- Watford Museum

Values

September- Responsibility

October- Making Choices

November- Belonging

December- Tolerance