

Year 1 Curriculum Themes 2021/22



Autumn Term 1 – Space

“This is one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”. We discover what it was like to be an astronaut for NASA, completing a mission to be the first man on the moon and winning the space race.

Autumn Term 2 – School days

Who is the mystery girl who attended our school almost 50 years ago? What was school life like during Victorian times? We will step back in time and use our historical questioning to compare schooling in the Victorian era with schooling today. We will then design our 'perfect' schools. What will they look like? What lessons will we have? Who will teach us?

Spring Term 1 – Castles and Julia Donaldson

We will be diving into history as we explore how castles have changed over time and look at the roles different people had. Alongside this we will also be looking at the popular stories of Julia Donaldson within our 'Take One Author' topic, and how she uses her writing skills to capture the imagination of the reader.

Spring Term 2 – There's no place like home

Using our magical beanstalk and messages from the Jolly Postman we are transported into a variety of traditional stories. As we go along our journey, we will meet many interesting characters such as the porridge thief, a giant with no teeth and a family who love turnip soup!

Summer Term 1 – Rio de Vida

Dancing feet, step to the samba beat. Shake it, shimmy, hands in the air, wave your flags in the cool night air. We will be packing our bags and climbing aboard our jet as we take a trip to discover the vibrant culture of Rio, keeping the rhythm with our party shakers. We will be meeting magical creatures from Brazil's myths and legends in books such as "Jabuti the Tortoise" and we will be creating our own too. Comparing Rio with England, we will discuss similarities and differences between the two contrasting countries.

Summer Term 2 – The Enchanted Woodland

If you go down to the woods today you're in for a BIG Surprise! Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady eyed owls in the swaying tree tops ... and beneath are tiny footprints to a tiny door ... who could live there? The Gruffalo, begins our journey all about animals, then we move on to 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We will be developing our scientific knowledge, we will identify a variety of different animals, discussing whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores and look at designing our very own animal.