

Term 1 Overview - Class 1

MATHS

This term, we will be exploring a range of early maths skills through fun and practical activities:

- Matching objects and identifying pairs, helping to develop their observation and reasoning skills.
- Creating and continuing simple patterns using colours, shapes and objects.
- Comparing different items by size, mass, and capacity to build their understanding of measurement.
- Learning about numbers by finding one more and one less in everyday contexts.
- Practising subitising – recognising small quantities of objects without counting – to support quick number recognition.

Physical Education

This term in PE, we will develop our balance, coordination, and movement skills through activities linked to farm animal stories. We'll be exploring:

- **Music and Movement** – Moving like farm animals to develop spatial awareness and control.
- **Yoga** – Using simple animal-themed poses to support balance and strength.
- **Dance** – Expressing ideas through rhythm and movement.



Down on the Farm



RE

The children will be exploring special people, celebrations, and beliefs. Through stories, discussions, and creative activities, we'll be thinking about:

All About Me – What makes each of us special and unique.
People Who Help Us – Who cares for us and who we belong to.
Celebrations at Home – What we celebrate in our families and why.
Harvest – Where our food comes from and why we say thank you.
Diwali – Festival of Light – How Hindus celebrate this special festival.

These topics help the children begin to understand their own experiences, as well as those of others in our community and around the world.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Exploring drawing and painting with different tools and papers.
- Learning about lines and colours, including mixing new colours.
- Making prints using fingers and found materials.
- Creating simple patterns and joining materials with glue or tape.
- Singing songs, joining in rhymes, and playing instruments.
- Marching and clapping to steady beats.
- Using their imagination to create stories during play.

These activities help children develop creativity, coordination, and listening skills.

Communication and Language

- Using simple phrases and signs.
- Following instructions and talking about family.
- Making friends through conversation.
- Enjoying stories, rhymes, songs, and non-fiction books.

Literacy

- Joining in with repeated phrases and rhymes.
- Talking about books and answering simple questions.
- Learning new vocabulary and using it in their play.
- Beginning to recognise and say initial letter sounds:
m,a,s,d,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,
- Creating and sharing their own simple stories.

PHSE

- Getting to know each other and building friendships.
- Learning that everyone is unique and special.
- Recognising and managing our feelings.
- Working together and showing kindness.
- Talking about our rights (to play, learn, be safe).
- Taking on small responsibilities in class.