

St Mary's C of E Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR GROUP: One and Two

TERM: Autumn 1 2025

Number of weeks: Eight

Topic: Our Journey

Overview

We meet two characters this half term. One is on a journey through the woods to deliver essentials to her grandmother. The other is a rare beast who is very lonely and travels on a journey to find friends only to discover that they were at home all along! We follow these character's journeys as they travel through trees, mountains, streams and even the ocean!

This geography themed topic will give us the skills needed to use and make our own maps and explore our locality.

Meet the Teacher - Monday 15th September 2.50 in Oliver Classroom.

English

All children will have daily phonics lessons following the RWI phonics programme. We will be exploring narrative writing using the texts Little Red Riding Hood and The Lonely Beast. Both of these texts focus on journeys taken by the characters.

Science

The best shoes for the job - We will be investigating which shoes would be best for Little Red Riding Hood when walking through the woods. We will be thinking about the terrain and the type of shoe sole needed. We will be making predictions and recording our findings in a variety of ways.

Art and Design

Fruit and self-portraits - an interesting combination!
In Art we will be studying the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo who was famous for creating self-portraits composed of fruit. We will be looking closely at different sketching techniques and how to use the form of fruit to create a face.

Geography

Our Geography this half term will focus on maps. We will be designing maps for familiar journeys and the journey Little Red Riding Hood would have taken to Grandma's house.

We will be looking at compass directions and describing the journeys through landmarks and physical features.

During our Oliver Bear travels we will also be looking at continents, countries, capital cities and seas.

PSHE

This half terms Jigsaw unit is 'Being Me in My World' where will be learning about our hopes and fears for the year ahead, rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences and designing our own learning charter.

Express As expert 'geographers', we will share our maps with the class. We will be presenting our maps to Farrant Class, and using our knowledge to explain to them what maps need and describing the journey Little Red would take to get to Grandma's house. Our maps will be displayed for the school community to see outside our classroom. We warmly invite family, carers and friends to our 'Book Look' on Monday 20th October 2.50-3.10 to see all our topic work from this half term.

Maths:

Our main focus for this half term will be Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

We will be making numbers using different representations and resources. Using numberlines and comparing and ordering numbers. We will be learning about odd and even numbers and finding lots of patterns.

As well as focussed learning sessions, the children will be exploring and learning independently, demonstrating what they have mastered in maths.

ICT: This half term we will be focussing on internet safety. We will be thinking about how to keep ourselves safe when online and the information that we share with others. Please use your logon to explore this resource at home.
<https://www.purplemash.com/login/#!/>

Visits

We will be going on lots of local walks using maps and signs to find our way.

Home Learning Tasks

Please support your child to complete a home learning activity from the grid to bring into school every Friday, when we share our work as a class. Please read as often as possible and at least five times a week. Research has shown that reading regularly is the best thing parents can do and makes the biggest impact on children's progress in all areas. Please record every read in the reading record.