

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter

Topic One Zero To Hero

'Zero to Hero' is a unit about heroes and heroines, both past and present, who have overcome major challenges in life and become inspirational figures. There is a key subject focus on history. The children will learn about different people, of different ages, from different cultural backgrounds, who all have one thing in common - courage and determination

Topic Two Unity In The Community

"Unity in the Community" is a thematic unit about the area you live in, with a geography focus. Pupils will develop their geographical skills, local knowledge and understanding through learning about their school, the features of its grounds, the surrounding area and how it has changed over time. They will be taught all about the importance of acting responsibly within both the school and the wider community.

Phonics

The children will have a daily phonic session. To begin, we will consolidate their understanding of phase 3&4. The children will then move through phase five where they will broaden their knowledge of sounds to use in reading and spelling. Children will also have three weekly reading sessions with an adult in small groups to develop their decoding, fluency and comprehension skills.

English

A range of writing styles will be covered within this term's English units, including the books 'Astro Girl', 'Send for a Superhero', 'Billy and the Beast' and 'The Odd Egg'. We will then be covering a unit based on 'The Polar Express' as a whole school. A strong focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar will be maintained throughout each topic.

Maths

Maths will be following the 'White Rose Maths' Scheme. To begin with, we will be covering place value with numbers between 0 and 20. We then move on to exploring addition and subtraction, with numbers up to 10. And finally, we will finish the term with exploring shape.