

English

- Focus text: How to Grow a Unicorn by Rachel Morrisroe
- Look at the features of instructions by exploring the key skills and shapes (heading, hook, what you need, steps, tips and question)
- Develop vocabulary (such as: time words and bossy verbs) and skills needed to write a simple set of instructions

Geography

- To name the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and begin to name the capital cities of the UK and recognise their features
- Use aerial photographs to locate physical and human features
- Draw simple maps

Maths

Multiplication and division:

- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Recognise and add equal groups
- Make arrays
- Find doubles of numbers
- Make equal groups by grouping and then by sharing

Fractions:

- Recognise a half of an object or shape
- Find a half of an object or shape
- Recognise a half of a quantity
- Find a half of a quantity
- Recognise a quarter of an object or shape
- Find a quarter of an object or shape
- Recognise a quarter of a quantity
- Find a quarter of a quantity

Science

Plants:

- Learn and name the parts of a plant and parts of a tree
- Recognise and name wild and garden plants
- Recognise and name plants in my local area
- Learn about the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees
- Recognise and name trees in my local area

Castles



Year 1 Summer 1 2026 Learning Overview

DT

- Mechanisms – designing and making a castle with a moving drawbridge using a hinge and axle
- Create a design of a castle, thinking about the different elements of a castle e.g. battlements, drawbridge, turrets
- Apply previously learnt painting skills to print texture onto castles

Computing

- Understand what instructions are and understand that computers use instructions called a code
- Use code to begin to make a simple computer program
- Begin to understand how code executes when a program is run

Music

- This half term, children use 'The Magic Flute' opera by Mozart as a stimulus. This opera is full of 'Fantasy and Adventure'
- Children listen to the story and consider the evil Queen and how music is used to convey her character
- Children compose their own music to create atmosphere and tell a story with a developing understanding of pitch, dynamics, tempo and rhythm

PSHE

- Jigsaw – Relationships
- Zones of regulation

RE

- Why do Jewish families celebrate the gift of Shabbat?

PE

Athletics:

- Move at different speeds over varying distances
- Develop changing direction quickly
- Explore hopping, jumping and leaping for distance
- Develop throwing for accuracy and distance

Sports Day practice