



KS1 Autumn 1

The Kingdom of Tiny Things



Our Topic

This half term we will be exploring the fabulous work of Samantha Bryan, a famous local sculptor based in West Yorkshire. We will be looking at her fairy creations and designing our very own. We will also be delving into the story of 'The King of Tiny Things' and using it to inspire our creative writing.

Objectives we will cover this half term are...

Science	In Science this half term, we are exploring different materials and their properties. We will be looking at the texture, durability, shape and flexibility of materials and noting our findings. We will also be thinking about seasonal change and observing the differences to our environment as we move further into Autumn and then into Winter.
Geography	In Geography this half term, we will start off by learning all about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will be mapping out the capital cities and bordering oceans after looking at atlases, maps and aerial images from Google Earth. We will then begin to compare our local area with London, our capital city, and identify the human and physical features in these areas.
Art	In Art, we will be studying the work of Samantha Bryan, a famous local sculptor, and will be taking inspiration from our class text, The King of Tiny Things. We will be perfecting our modelling skills by learning to make a clay house for The King of Tiny Things.
Computing	In Computing, we will develop our knowledge of e-safety by looking at safe passwords and how to protect personal information. We will then be exploring coding and learning how to write codes to programme objects to move. Throughout our computing learning, we will also be recapping the basic functions and keys on a laptop to become more independent and confident with technology.
RE	In RE, we will be thinking about the value of belonging and comparing it to symbols of belonging that are important to religious and non-religious people. We will also look at what happens during a Christian baptism as well as the importance of Shabbat for Jewish people.
PE	In PE this half term, we will be focusing on gymnastics. We will be learning how to practise and perform a range of skills such as travelling, rolling, balancing, jumping and catching. We will be putting our skills together to perform creative, themed routines to share with each other. We will also be exploring the apparatus in the hall to test our climbing, jumping and balancing skills.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be looking at feelings and friendships and how we can maintain a caring school. We will be thinking about what makes a good friend, the importance of family and how families are often different from each other, the importance of self-respect and positivity and ways to resolve conflict when it arises.
Music	In Music this half term, we will be studying the song 'Hey You!' by Joanna Mangona. We will be looking at how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to make a sound and will be comparing our song to other songs in the same genre. We will also learn 'Hey You!' together, develop our confidence with singing and work towards a performance as a class.

Reading

This term we will be reading 'The King of Tiny Things' by Jeanne Willis. The story is about two little girls who visit their grandparents every summer. One summer night, they camp outside and discover an unexpected visitor... The King of Tiny Things!

We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child's book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books regularly in class but please note that it is their responsibility to do so if they have finished with a book. Don't forget that we now offer our brand-new library service on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school down in the Infant building.

Spellings and Phonics

Spellings will be set every Friday and will consolidate your child's Phase 5 (Y1) and Phase 6 (Y2) phonics skills for this half term.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Autumn 1 Year 2	The /j/ sound spelt dge The /j/ sound spelt ge	The /j/ sound spelt g before e The /j/ sound spelt g before l and y	The /j/ sound spelt j before a, o and u The /j/ sound spelt j before a, o, i and e	The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y The /s/ sound spelt c before e	The /n/ sound spelt kn The /n/ sound spelt gn	The /r/ sound spelt wr	The /l/ sound spelt -le

Times Tables

Your child should now have their login for Times Tables Rockstars. Remember to encourage them to practise their times tables with a focus on their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be setting plenty of challenges on TT Rockstars and might even go head to head against other year groups for the chance to win special prizes in school! Also, look out for our top rockstars on our school newsletter each week. Your child might be mentioned on there!

If you have any issues with your child's TT Rockstar login, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

We expect maths homework to be handed in by the date written in your child's book. If it is handed in late, your child may be expected to complete it during their break time in school.