

St Patrick's RC Primary School

Unit 1 Yearly Overview 2014 – 2015

Unit Challenge Curriculum Topics

Autumn Term - Splish, Splash, Splosh

In our introductory challenge topic children in Unit 1 will look at this topic by relating it to the varied weather in the Autumn Term. Children will have the opportunity to explore both their indoor and outdoor environment to explore wind, rain, snow, frost and hopefully sunshine! This unit has been developed to help the children identify patterns in their local environment, measure the rainfall and discover ways to dress for the weather.

Autumn Term - Diwali

A week long topic looking at the Festival of Diwali. Children will create clay festival lamps, learn traditional dance and sample some traditional Indian food in this short topic.

Spring Term - Fairy Tales

The teachers, to encourage both boys and girls to explore their love of reading and writing, have created this exciting unit on Fairy Tales. Children will investigate a range of stories including:- The Three Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Gingerbread Man. Classrooms have been developed to allow the children to independently explore a deeper understanding of these texts through the use of role play, small world and creative methods.

Summer Term - Dinosaur Roar!

A great topic to explore the prehistoric world of the Dinosaur Age. Children will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in this unit. Books will include:- Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs A – Z, Dinosaur Stomp, Dinosaur Roar and Crunch, Munch, Dinosaur Lunch!

Children will have the opportunity to explore what it would be like to be a palaeontologist, exploring different ways to search and extract fossils from the past. They may even discover a dinosaur egg!

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Autumn Term - Mind, Body and Soul

In our introductory challenge topic children will look at how we use our senses to make judgements. Children will explore all of the senses in a 'hands on' practical series of lessons.

Spring Term - Chinese New Year

Children will particularly enjoy this short week long unit on the Chinese New Year. Children will learn about the traditions associated with the Year of the Horse.

Summer Term - It's a Small World

A topic looking at constructing an alternative world. Children will use a variety of media to design and create a world from books shared in class. During this unit children will develop the necessary skills to promote positive play (sharing and turn taking), questioning skills and physical development. In this topic children will look at the possibility of a rocket crash in the local area. Where have the inhabitants gone? Where have they come from?

Spring Term - The Great Outdoors

In our final unit of the year, we will take advantage of our outdoor areas to see how we can develop it in the future. Younger children will investigate the plants and animals evident in our environment. Whilst the older children will discover that small changes can make a huge difference. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing to reflect the changing weather.