Year 1, Autumn 2 – Weather patterns - What is the weather like in the UK?

This term, we will become Weather Detectives as they investigate the question: What is the weather like in the UK? Through engaging activities and outdoor observations, children will explore the different types of weather we experience—sunshine, rain, wind, and even snow. They'll learn how to observe and describe the weather, track seasonal changes, and discover how the UK's climate varies throughout the year. Pupils will also find out how weather is measured and recorded, and even try their hand at creating their own weather reports. This exciting topic will help children understand how weather affects our daily lives—from the clothes we wear to the activities we enjoy.

Science

This term, children will be learning all about **plants**. They will explore and identify a variety of common garden and wild plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Pupils will learn to name the basic parts of plants and trees, such as leaves, roots, stems, and flowers. Through hands-on activities and outdoor learning, they will observe how plants grow and what they need to stay healthy.



English

Reading: Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin



Writing genre:
Narrative – Traditional Tale Sentences
Instructions – How to catch a witch

Writing composition:
The children will have opportunities to plan, draft, write and edit their writing.

Maths

White Rose

Addition and Subtraction - Children will consolidate their addition and subtraction skills using part-whole models, number lines, and by solving word problems. They'll build confidence through practical activities and real-life math tasks.

Shape - This term, children will explore 2-D and 3-D shapes. They'll learn to recognise, name, and sort different shapes and use them to create repeating patterns. Through hands-on activities, they'll build key skills in shape recognition and early geometry.



Creative Arts (Art, D&T, Music)

Art & Design: **Drawing – make your mark**
Children will explore and use different lines and shapes to create drawings inspired by Brianna McCarthy.
Design & Technology: -Christmas inspired
Children will explore shapes and practice sticking and assembling pieces to create a wooden tree decoration. They will also think carefully about design and decoration.

Music: Tempo - Children will use their bodies and instruments to listen and respond to music with fast and slow tempos. They will also learn and perform a rhyme and a song that highlight these speeds.

Humanities (History, Geography, ICT)

Geography: What is the weather like in the UK?

Children will learn to name and locate the four countries of the UK and use simple compass directions to describe locations. They will also explore the weather and seasons, learn about forecast symbols, and suggest suitable clothing and activities for different types of weather.

Computing: Children will explore a range of digital painting tools and use them to create their own artwork. Inspired by different artists, they'll compare painting on-screen and on paper, and reflect on their preferences.

RE

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
Children will learn about the importance of Christmas to Christians. They will explore the Nativity story and understand how Christians share the good news of Jesus' birth.

PSHE

Children will learn to recognise their feelings, understand the importance of sleep, hygiene, and sun safety, and explore ways to stay healthy and manage emotions.

PE

Gymnastics

Points and pathways

Games

Throwing and catching

