

Curriculum Information – Spring Term 1

Topic: Machines



English

We will be looking at a variety of texts to explore machines. These will include:

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, Those Magnificent Sheep in Their Flying Machine, On Sudden Hill, Machine Poems, Roadwork

We will also be:

- Completing weekly handwriting practice using the Trafalgar script.
- Continuing work on the Trafalgar Tricky Words.
- Focusing on phonemes (sounds), blending and segmenting, sound buttons and digraphs in preparation for the phonics screening test in June 2019. Phonics homework will continue.
- Continuing to work on sentence structure and the use of full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.
- Extending sentences using descriptive vocabulary.
- Writing in a variety of styles for different purposes.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on the following areas using practical resources:

- Multiplication
- Division
- 3D shapes
- Money (Recognising coins and addition)
- Recognising and working with numbers up to 100.

Don't forget maths games are available to borrow in the corridor by the Infant Hall. Please help yourself and let us know if there are any parts missing!



Other Areas



Science: We will be exploring magnets and magnetic materials and looking at and classifying a variety of animals.

History: We will be looking at changes in transport and machines over time.

Geography: We will be looking at people who help us in the local area including a visit to our local fire station.

Art & Design Technology: We will be making close observational drawings of machines using a range of media. We will design and make wheeled vehicles and discuss ways of modifying/improving them.

Computing/Online safety: We will be introducing PowerPoint and learning how to save and store work safely. We will also look at coding. We will be looking at how technology is used in everyday household machines.

PE: We will be introducing new dance skills and continue with our weekly Golden Games.

RE: We will look at important ceremonies and special clothes.

Music: We will be exploring different styles of vocal music;

- exploring different uses of music technology
- rhythm development
- topic songs

What you can do to help: In addition to your continuing support with your child's reading, it would be helpful to try to make paper and pencils easily available for your child to use to practise handwriting (for further information refer to the Good Handwriting Guide found on the e-school). Help your child to learn their e-school login and use the resources on the Yr 1 page to support all areas of the curriculum including: Bug Club, Abacus and Spell Blast. You could stimulate your child's interest in the topic by talking about machines and how things work.