



# Once There Were Giants!

Summer Term - Year 1 2025



## In English we will focus on...

We will show our writing skills in a few ways including,

- Biography.
- Instructions.
- Exploration of a character e.g. role-play.
- Story writing.

We will continue to,

- Read and spell the Year 1 Common Exception Words.
- Punctuate our work with full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks.
- Form our letters correctly (including lower and uppercase).

We will share a variety of texts including,

- The Giant Jam Sandwich by John Vernon Lord.
- Jack and the Beanstalk by various authors.
- Billy Goats Gruff by various authors.
- The Fossil Girl by Catherine Brighton.

## In Maths we will focus on...

**Multiplication and division**

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s.
- Introduction to multiplication and division e.g. equal groups, arrays, doubles, grouping and sharing.

**Fractions**

- Halves and quarters.
- Find a fraction of shape and a quantity.

**Position and direction**

- Describe turns e.g. full, half and quarter turns.
- Describe position e.g. forwards, backwards, left, and right.

**Place value (to 100)**

- Understanding numbers up to 100 e.g. count in 10s to 100, 1 more / 1 less, partition into tens and ones, the number line to 100, comparing any two numbers.

**Money**

- Recognising coins and notes.

**Time**

- Days of the week and months of the year.
- Hours, seconds, and minutes.
- Tell the time e.g. to the hour and half past.

## In Science we will focus on...

**Seasons (spring and summer)**

- Looking at the characteristics of the seasons.
- We will be observing the weather and changes in the weather too.

**Plants**

- Identify basic structure of flowering plants, including trees.
- Understand the difference between garden plants and wild plants.
- Identifying common plants and trees within our local environment.

## In History and Geography we will focus on ...

- Finding out about the life and work of Mary Anning, why she was a significant person.
- Exploring what life was like for Mary Anning in the Victorian times compared to today.
- Use compass directions and locational language and create simple maps.

## In Art/DT we will focus on...

- Learning about digital artist Hal Lasko.
- Creating digital art using a simple paint programme.
- Sketching techniques - still life.
- Learning about the work of artists - Van Gogh
- Design, make and evaluate a bridge.
- Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer, and more stable.
- Explore and use mechanisms, in their products.

## In Computing we will focus on...

- Introduction to coding, using the age-appropriate ScratchJr software.
- Develop basic understanding of algorithms and how to create precise instructions.
- Develop a sense of creating, debugging and logical reasoning.

## In PE we will focus on...

- Developing athletic activities such as speed, agility, and strength.
- Engage in performing skills and measuring (their own) performance.
- Understanding the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

## In RSHE we will focus on...

- Understanding and talking about 'changing me'.
- Discussing dreams and goals and how we can work to achieve them.

## In RE we will focus on...

- Learn about Jesus' disciples. Why people follow Jesus and what kind of a leader he was.
- Learn about the basic principles of Islam (religious artefacts, places and practices - Quran, mosque, clothing and festivals).

## In Music we will focus on...

- Playing non-tuned and tuned instruments.
- Listening to and appraising different styles of music.