



Spring 1 in Honeywell



English

This term, pupils will explore the fiction text *Wanted: The Perfect Pet*, learning its structure and key events as a model for their own writing. Year 1 will focus on capital letters, full stops, and joining sentences with *and*. Year 2 will develop expanded noun phrases and use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. Pupils will apply these skills by writing their own story with different pets, following the story's overall structure.

Outdoor Learning and PE Days

This term, we have Outdoor Learning on a **Monday**. Children can come dressed in outdoor appropriate clothing with a spare pair of shoes or wellies. We also have PE on a Monday so please ensure your child has footwear appropriate for their PE session.

On **Thursday**, we have Mr Pierce for PE. Children can come in wearing their PE kit. Don't forget a school jumper to keep warm (and sun protection)!

This term in PE, our focus will be on multi-skills – hand-eye coordination, developing their ability to throw, catch, and control equipment. They will build on these skills through team activities and games, including elements such as dribbling, passing, and shooting.



Maths

We'll begin the year by developing strong number understanding in our maths sessions. **Year 1** will focus on place value and addition and subtraction within 20, using practical resources such as counters, number lines, and tens frames to support understanding. Children will explore counting, comparing numbers, representing numbers in different ways, and solving simple problems to build confidence and fluency.

Year 2 will explore money in more depth, recognising coins and notes, making amounts, and solving simple real-life problems involving addition and subtraction. They will also begin learning basic multiplication and division through sharing and grouping, using practical equipment and pictorial representations to help them understand these concepts before moving on to more formal methods.



Science

This term, in our science lessons, children will be exploring how the weather changes throughout the year. We will be learning how to describe the typical weather and observe how trees and their leaves change across the seasons.

Honeywell will explore daylight hours, noticing that summer has the most daylight and winter has the least, and will record temperature data across the year to spot patterns. We will also be creating our own weather reports!





Art and Design

In DT, the first week back will focus on Structures: Constructing a Windmill, where children plan and build windmills using different materials and joining techniques. In Art, pupils will explore Sculpture and 3D: Paper Play, experimenting with folding, cutting, and shaping paper to create three-dimensional artworks, developing creativity, spatial awareness, and understanding of form and texture.



History

Our topic asks, "How have explorers changed the world?" Children will learn about significant explorers and their journeys, including Matthew Henson, one of the first people to reach the North Pole. They will place key explorations on a timeline, learn about the challenges these explorers faced, and consider the lasting impact their discoveries have had on the world. Through this, children will develop an understanding of exploration, courage, and how new discoveries can shape history.



Music

This half term, children will explore pitch through the theme of superheroes. They will recognise high and low sounds and play tuned and untuned percussion instruments to create dynamic soundscapes.

We will also be welcoming Pat back on Wednesdays and can't wait to learn some new songs with him!

PSHE

We will continue to develop our understanding of health and fitness using the Kapow scheme, learning about the importance of regular exercise, healthy eating, and caring for our bodies to support both physical and mental wellbeing. Children will explore how different types of exercise affect the body, make healthy lifestyle choices, and understand the role of balanced nutrition.

Religion and World Views

Continuing our learning about Islam, pupils will explore the question "Who are Muslims and how do they live?"

They will learn about key beliefs and practices, including prayer, the mosque, and important celebrations, and how these guide everyday life.

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Through the Skills Showcase: Rocket to the Moon, children will follow instructions, create simple programs, and use digital tools to design and present work linked to space and space travel.

The children will also be practising how to log on using iPads and other devices. They will discuss passwords and the importance of keeping them secure, as part of learning about e-safety.