



# Year 1 Curriculum Overview - Home Sweet Home

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## Curriculum Intent:

The intent of this topic is to use our science investigative skills to explore the properties of materials and test them. We have a Geography focus that brings our awareness of where we live in the world and investigating different maps of the world, the UK and our local area. The English story focus will be to write a story from a well known traditional tale..



**English**— Our literacy for the rest of term will be based around the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will learn about the structure of stories to rewrite and then innovate the story changing characters, setting and problem. We will finish our topic with writing our own version of 'The Three Little Pigs'.



As part of our reading for pleasure curriculum we will start the new term by exploring and sharing our opinions on the stories in this year's Hampshire Book Awards, before voting on our favourite.

**Maths**— This term we will build on our place value knowledge to develop working with numbers within 20 and with a particular focus on 'teen' numbers. Then follow to working on addition and subtraction within this range of numbers.



**Geography**— My Local Park. We will be learning about maps and using directional language to help devise instructions for our Mr Lost character. We will be testing our map by visiting the local park and once there we will investigate which of the seasons will be best suited for visiting the park in future terms. We will be comparing our park to other parks in different parts of the world and evaluating which season best suits them.



We will also be looking at the four countries that make up the UK. Each week we will look at the countries and their capital cities, and explore key information about that country.



**Music**— With the support of Hampshire music service we will be learning to play a percussion instrument. Bamboo Tamboo will require the children to use their previous learning of following the beat in music and following instruction will learn how to play.



**RE**— In our Religious education learning we will be exploring the concept of Change, linking it to stories from the Bible about the people Jesus met.



**PE**— In our PE sessions we will be focussing on gymnastics with large apparatus, and ball skills through the game of hockey.



**Science**— We will be continuing to look at the weather and seasonal changes as we move across the seasons. We will also be learning about materials, and investigating which materials would be best for a house, linking with our literacy. We will be using the results of our fair tests to answer questions and make scientific conclusions using our STEM wheel.



**Jigsaw (PSHE)**— our Jigsaw topic this half term is called *Dreams and Goals*. Within this we will be discussing our own dreams and goals, how to overcome obstacles and celebrate our successes. We will also be recapping the underwear rule through the NSPCC programme PANTS.



## What you could do to help at home:

- Talk to your child about the different types of materials they see when out and about (rock, metal, plastic, ceramic/glass, fabric, wood) and use senses to talk about their properties and what and why they are useful for the object.
- When out on walk discuss the directional language to help the child compare and explain their route. Near, far, behind, in front, right, left, North, South, East, West. They could also talk about Physical and human features they see around them.

