

Curriculum Overview

Aldersbrook Primary School

Year 1
Autumn Term
Our Local Area



This term we will be learning about..
'Our local area'

This year we have adopted the Reception approach of child led learning. There will be a variety of activities for children to complete linking closely to our topic.

We will be exploring what the term 'local' means by looking at buildings, different careers and transportation in our local area. This includes a visit to the open spaces nearby to the school: the park and the forest.

Children will look at maps of the local area and think about their route to school. They will produce maps to show their own journey to school, including any important features or landmarks.

As part of this learning, we will be exploring "Who I am and where I fit within the community." We will think about the things we can do to make a difference in the community and what being a good friend can do to help both in and out of school.

Big Question:
Is it better to work as part of a team or by yourself?

Other Information

- We will be taking an educational visit around the local area; this will include visits to the forest.
- If parents have any particular expertise for one of our topics please contact the school office so we can arrange for you to come in and share your knowledge.

OUR VALUES
THIS TERM

RESILIENCE

TOLERANCE

HONESTY

COMPASSION

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In English we will be learning about:

- Handwriting and letter formation
- Stories with familiar settings and characters.
- Stories & poems with predictable and patterned language about home, parks, schools.
- Writing simple lists and instructions.
- Accurate use of punctuation.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be learning about:

- Forming numbers
- Ordering numbers
- 1 more and 1 less than a given number
- Number bonds to 10 and 20
- Different methods to solve addition and subtraction problems
- Counting up to and back from 100
- Recognising shapes and patterns

Science

Seasonal Changes

We will be learning how to observe and describe the changes in the seasons and how day length varies through the year.

Computing

Technology in our lives

We start to look closely at the technology around us and how we use it on a day to day basis.

Suggested Reading

- Research the local area and changes that have occurred.
- Stories that are set in forests: traditional tales or Julia Donaldson stories

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

Doing

Create a seasonal picture using natural materials.
Look for numbers in the world around us (on buses etc).

Watching

Can you see a change of colour in the trees?
Can you find any signs that Autumn is here?

Using Apps or Websites

BBC Bitesize - KSI
phonicsplay.co.uk

Experiencing

Take a walk through the local area. Has it always looked the same?