



# Year 1 Newsletter.

January 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families have had a relaxing Christmas break ready for the start of the new term.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning during this term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

## Religion Topic

*'People of Prayer'* Our new topic focuses on the prayer life of the Church. Children will be learning about the Feast of the Epiphany and two prayers found in Matthew's Gospel: the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

## Literacy

This term we will be exploring traditional tales. We will be reading fairy tales and other traditional stories and be exploring the different features in them. The children will be continuing to work on their cursive letter formation and the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in the correct places. We will be continuing to work on developing independent writing. We will be encouraging the children to use WOW words (describing words) to enhance their writing.

## Numeracy

This term we will continue to work on place value, odd and even numbers and number recognition. The children will also explore coins and their values, making different amounts and calculating change. We will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and discuss number patterns. Please continue supporting your child in learning their numbers to 100, by sight and by writing them in numerals. Please also help your child to write the numbers to 20 in words.

## Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be exploring, naming and discussing various everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass and metal. The children will describe and explore their simple physical properties and conduct various experiments to test different materials and their uses.



## Topic

Our topic this half term is 'India'. We will be looking at the similarities between England and India. We will be studying Indian folk tales and looking at traditional food, art, music and transport. In PE we will be learning a simple Bollywood dance routine. We will learn about famous Indian landmarks and festivals celebrated in India.

## PE

### *Games*

In games we will be developing basic game - playing skills. We will be playing various different games with the children where they have to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. The children will be using skills such as tracking a ball, rolling, striking, bouncing, catching and over arm throwing.

### *Gym*

In gym our new topic is 'Dance.' We will be piecing together a series of movements to form a sequence. We will be exploring Indian music and linking pieces of classical music to different traditional tales.

## Reminders:

- Both classes will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays and therefore the children will need their kits in on both of these days. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, particularly on these days and that earrings are removed before school.
- Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. Please read a variety of reading material, not just the books sent from school. The children will be assessed continually through DSR which will determine when they need to move to a new reading band.
- Please recap the 'Year One Common Exception Words' and the 'Letters and Sounds Phase 2, 3 and 5 phonics.'

As previously mentioned please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

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