



Year 1 Newsletter

October 2022

Dear Parents,

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this half 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

'From Advent to Christmas': Within this topic we will look at Advent (the time of waiting); including Matthew's account of the Birth of Jesus. The children will also learn about the Jesse Tree.

Year 1 will also be learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Reading

We would like to stress the importance of children reading at home every night and discussing what they have read. We do not ask the children to read any more than a few pages a night, rather than a whole book. There are also ideas for tasks to complete based on the books they are reading to ensure they are building not only comprehension skills and inference skills but also getting a chance to chat to you but also enables them to practice their writing or drawing skills at home.

The children will continue be assessed at intervals during the year, at which point we will decide if they need to move to a new reading band. We are currently in the process of doing this again - do be patient as it takes a while to complete the whole class.

English

As well as continuing our phonic sessions, the children will also be looking at the book 'Out and About: A First Book of Poems by Shirley Hughes.' Making cross curricular link with Science, Topic and Forest School.

The children will be continuing to work on their letter formation. We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in the correct places when writing simple sentences. We will be continuing to work on developing independent writing.



Maths

This half term we will continue to learn about addition and subtraction with numbers up to 10. The children will explore writing number sentences, addition fact families, number bonds within 10, number bonds to 10, adding and subtracting and problem solving. They will use part-whole models, tens frames, number lines as well as manipulatives to help them.

The children will begin to recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including: 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles]; 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids, cones and spheres]. They will also move onto recognising and creating repeating patterns with objects and with shapes.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Seasonal Changes'. The children will be learning about the four seasons and how their environment changes and how we as humans prepare for different seasons. The children will be taking part in Forest sessions to explore the changes that happen during the season of Autumn/Winter. We will also be learning about the sun and its movement during the day.

We will be looking closely at the weather and talking about the different weather symbols.

History

In History this half term we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate the tradition of Bonfire Night. The children will also be learning about Remembrance Day and the importance of the celebration.

Geography

In Geography the children will be learning about compass directions - North, South, East, West.

During this period we will also be looking at Christmas around the world.



PE

Dancing - Tuesdays

In dance lessons we will be looking at simple dance patterns matched to nursery rhymes.

Games - Thursdays

In games we will be looking at travelling with the ball. The children will focus on controlling the ball, avoiding obstacles, intercepting the ball as well as continuing the skills learnt last half term which included throwing and catching.

Design and Technology

In class the children will be creating simple 3D shapes and structures using familiar materials. They will develop skills in manipulating paper and card.

We hope that this is a useful guide for you. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

The Year 1 Team

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