

Maths

In maths this half term, children will master their understanding of working with numbers to 10 and they will make simple addition and subtraction calculations within 10. Children will then work with numbers to 20 and ensure they understand the value of each number and can complete number sequences, order numbers and identify one more and less before moving onto to learning further addition and subtraction strategies.

English

Our English lessons will continue to focus on the revision and development of core skills as children begin to write in sentences, learn to use capital letters and full stops, leave finger spaces between words and check their writing makes sense. Presentation is another large focus this half term as we practice forming letters correctly on the line, following the Browney Presentation Promise. We will be using and exploring a range of texts to inspire and engage the children's writing.

Phonics/Reading

We are delighted to be using our Read Write Scheme to deliver our daily phonics sessions. We will focus on consolidating our knowledge of set 1 and 2 sounds and applying them into reading and spelling. If your child is ready, they will be introduced to the next set of new sounds (set 3). There will also be daily opportunities for children to read and enjoy a range of stories and poems.

Home Reading

Children will bring home their home reading book on a **Friday** and must be returned by the following **Wednesday**. This book will correlate to the book they have been reading in their Read, Write, Inc sessions in school that week. You will also have access online to the book they have been reading in school. Please record all home reading of any text in the children's reading record.

Science

Our science this half term continues to focus on materials and exploring their properties. In lessons, children will work to identify and discuss the properties and uses of different everyday materials, identify what they are used for and consider how suitable or unsuitable they are for particular purposes. Children will work scientifically as they classify materials, carry out investigations and record their observations.

History

Our history topic, 'Childhood' teaches children about everyday life and families today whilst making comparisons to childhood in the 1950's.

Geography

Our project 'Our Wonderful World' teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries and capital cities of the UK.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about key beliefs and traditions of Christianity. Most of our studies will focus around the nativity story and the significance of Christmas.

Art and Design

Our art project 'Funny Faces' teaches children to explore different types of portrait and how to use collage to create their own masterpiece.

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Our project 'Shade and Shelter' teaches children about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes. Children then design and build a play den as a group and evaluate their completed product.

Music

Our music sessions this half term will focus on Reggae and Hip Hop songs. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other styles of music.

PE

Children will take part in a structured PE session each week on **Friday** as well as regular active bursts. They must come to school wearing their PE kit on Fridays and also leave an additional pair of trainers/plimsoles in school under their peg for the woodland village and additional activities.

Homework

Children will receive weekly homework (and spellings) in their blue book. This will be a short activity focusing on revision of basic skills we have learnt that week. The blue book will be sent home on **Friday** and must be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

What an excellent first half term in Year 1! The children have quickly settled into their new class and adapted to our new routines easily. They have worked very hard to revise and develop their core skills in maths and English whilst enjoying a wide range of other topics. Children have tested for waterproof materials in science, discovered that there are seven continents in geography and created their own timelines in history. They have also taken part in extra opportunities including a visit from a guide dog and celebrating Black History month. A huge well done to all of the children.

I am always happy to help and if you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please contact me via ClassDojo and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Have a well-deserved half term break,

Miss Hutchinson
Year 1 Teacher



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Curriculum Information

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