

## **Maths**

In maths this half term we will be focusing on counting, calculation and securing number facts. We will be counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will secure their understanding of working with numbers to 10, including correct number formation and strategies for addition and subtraction. Speed and recall of the essential number bond facts will also be a key focus. Children will also put on their thinking caps to apply their new skills to solve problems.

## **English**

We are excited to be sailing off to a land of adventure as we explore our first text of many 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson. The children have already had great fun this week connecting with the story. Over the next few weeks they will explore and describe the characters and setting in the story before writing their own short stories. A key focus will be on the development of core skills as the children begin to write in sentences, learn to use capital letters and full stops, as well as leaving finger spaces between words and checking their writing makes sense. Presentation is big focus this half term as we try hard to form letters correctly on the line, keeping the Brownie Presentation Promise. We will also enjoy studying animal poems this half term in line with our topic.

## **Phonics**

Children will take part in daily phonics sessions to develop their reading and spelling skills in a fun and interactive way. In Year 1, children will focus on phase 5 of the Letters and Sounds programme as they learn alternative graphemes for spellings. Children across KS1 will be split into differentiated groups for phonics to ensure all pupils are given sufficient challenge.

## **Reading**

In Year 1, children will read in a small group with Mr Farrow or Mrs Leighton once a week during guided reading. The guided reading sessions aim to provide more focused teaching of reading skills. Adults will also endeavour to hear the children read on a one to one basis as often as possible. We understand the pressure of time but please listen to your child read every night (at least 10 minutes) as it will greatly assist their progress. Please sign the reading diary to confirm that your child has read at home, as books will only be changed if the record has been signed. Records are also checked during the day and children are rewarded for reading four times a week.

## **Science**

In science our topic is animals (including humans). We will be learning about the characteristics of different animals, exploring animal groups and exploring the needs of animals for survival. Scientific Investigation will be at the heart of our science lessons as we explore a range of questions including 'do all offspring look like their parents?', 'whose poo?' and 'what is camouflage for?'

## **Topic – Memory Box**

This half term, we're taking a trip to the past to discover what life was like at the time when we were born. We'll find out how babies change and grow over time. Thinking about our childhoods, we'll use photos and objects from the past to help us remember special times including weddings and christenings. We'll talk about our families and share happy memories of people or pets who are no longer alive. Learning about the days, weeks and months of the year will help us to work out how long we will have to wait for our birthdays to arrive! We'll decide how objects from the past were used and have fun learning games, songs and dances from bygone days.

## **RE / SMSC**

We are studying Hinduism this half term and our key question is 'How do Hindus Worship?' To provide a first-hand experience to enhance learning, we will be visiting a Mandir (Hindu). During the topic, children will also reflect on their own feelings, ideas and experiences about what places and objects are special to them.

## **PE**

This term the children will take part in weekly PE sessions on Monday and Friday afternoons. This half term our focus is games and children will develop their ball skills including throwing, catching, rolling, bowling and bouncing!

## **Homework and spellings**

Homework will be sent home on Friday and the weekly focus will alternate between maths and English. Maths homework will generally focus on mental work, e.g. learning times tables facts. English homework will focus on developing core skills, including punctuation and grammar. Spellings will be given each week to learn for a test the following Friday.

Welcome to Year 1!

What a fantastic, and busy, first week we've had in Year 1. The children have enjoyed settling in to our brand new classroom and are adapting well to the more formal lesson structures in Key Stage 1.

I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or anything else, please come and chat to me before the bell on a morning, after school or through ClassDojo. I am always happy to help and want to work with you to ensure your child becomes the best they can be in year 1!

Thank you for your support.

Mr Farrow

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## Key Stage 1

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