



November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good half term break, and the children are excited for the half-term ahead.

Curriculum

This half-term sees us start our first **geography** unit, 'Our World'. The children will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and study the countries they feel connected to, either through family, travel or interests. They will learn about the differences and similarities between places and think about why some places are rural and some are urban. We will also be introducing them to the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

Our **science** topic continues as 'Animals including humans'. Over the next few weeks, we will be naming and labelling key parts of the human body and thinking about how we use our senses. We will also be observing changes across the seasons, looking at weather forecasts and making weather observations.

In **English**, we will continue to focus on writing simple sentences. We will be reminding children to leave finger spaces between words, to have a capital letter at the beginning of every sentence and a full stop at the end.

In **maths**, our units of work are: 'Addition and Subtraction within 10', 'Shape' and 'Numbers up to 20'.

In **phonics**, we will be learning the phase 5 sounds.

In **music**, we will be focusing on pitch and timbre by listening to music, singing songs and playing instruments.

Our **religion and worldviews** unit of work is 'Where do we belong?' We will be talking about how we belong to families and communities and that some people belong to belief or faith communities.

Our Personal Social Health Education (**PSHE**) unit of work will be 'Family and Relationships'.

In **D&T**, we will be making fabric puppets towards the end of the term.

Our **computing** unit of work is 'Handling Data'.

In **PE** we will be focusing on gymnastics and games, as well as learning the dance for the school play. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits. They can wear shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt, and will need to be wearing trainers.

1B – Week 1 – Monday and Wednesday. Week 2 – Wednesday and Thursday.

1O – Week 1 Tuesday and Friday. Week 2 – Monday and Wednesday.

1P – Week 1 Monday and Wednesday. Week 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday.

1R – Week 1 and Week 2 – Thursday and Friday.

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Spare clothes

We would really appreciate some spare clothes, particularly trousers, leggings and socks. If you have any spare clothes that your child does not need any more, please give them to your child's class teacher.

Weekly overviews, which give details about what your child is learning in class, can be found on Parent hub weekly.

The school play:

This year the school production will be 'A Tale of Two Scrooges'. Each class will learn a dance and perform it on the stage. Our song will be 'Fly Away' by Lenny Kravitz and we're told our costumes will be 'ghostly'. We are looking forward to inviting parents in to watch the performances on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th December: **Red cast** – AM, **Blue cast** – PM

Wednesday 13th December: **Orange cast** – AM, **Purple cast** – PM

Thursday 14th December: **Blue cast** – AM, **Red cast** – PM

Friday 15th December: **Purple cast** – AM, **Orange cast** – PM

We're looking forward to another busy, successful and happy half term.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team

Headteacher Leon Choueke