



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 continue 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.

In our **religion and worldviews** unit, we will continue with '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 'Health 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 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 leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt/jumper, and will need to be wearing trainers.

**1B** – **Week 1** – Monday/Tuesday **Week 2**- Tuesday/Friday

**1O** – **Week 1** – Wednesday/Friday **Week 2**- Monday/Wednesday

**1P** – **Week 1** - Wednesday/Friday **Week 2**- Monday/Thursday

**1R** – **Week 1** – Tuesday/Wednesday **Week 2**- Thursday/Friday

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**Spare clothes**

We would really appreciate if spare clothes, particularly trousers, leggings and socks could be packed in the children's bags due to colder and wetter weather. 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.

**Visit the Classroom** will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** this term from 8:45- 9:00am. We hope you can join us.

**The school play:**

This year the school production will be 'Matilda'. Each class will learn a dance and perform it on the stage. Our song will be 'Could it be magic?' - the Take That cover, and we're told our costumes are to be like stars. We are looking forward to inviting parents in to watch the performances on the following dates:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: **Purple cast** – AM, **Blue cast** – PM

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: **Orange cast** – AM, **Red cast** – PM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: **Blue cast** – AM, **Purple cast** – PM

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: **Red cast** – AM, **Orange cast** – PM

**Performance start times:**

Morning performances 9:45

Afternoon performances 13:30

**Dates for your diaries:**

**Visit the Year 1 Classrooms** – 21<sup>st</sup> November (8:45am – 9:00am)

**Christmas Carol Concert** – 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team

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