





Our learning this half-term... – Year 1

English	Maths	Wider Curriculum
<p>In Literacy this half term we will be studying poetry, stories from other cultures and a journey story.</p> <p>We will be covering the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and performing poems • Using similes to create poems • Comparing the setting in a book that is based in a different country to where we live. • Using WOW words in our writing. • Understanding the importance of different characters in stories. • Continuing our work on writing high five sentences. Encouraging the children to use capital letters and full stops, finger spaces, use their sounds to spell words and check that their work makes sense. • Using descriptive language such as adjectives e.g. the slow tortoise, a heavy elephant. <p>To support your child with this aspect of learning you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing high five sentences. • Practise using describing words. • Retelling stories and poems. <p>using actions to aid their memory.</p> 	<p>In Maths this half term, we will be learning and practising the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value for numbers up to 20 • 2D and 3D shapes • Identifying, creating and describing repeating patterns. • Using directional language – for example; above, below, between, left and right • Ordering numbers • Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s • Doubling numbers to 10 and to 20 • Addition and subtraction facts up to 20 • Addition and subtraction word problems.  <p>To help your child with this aspect of learning you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for shapes in everyday objects when you are out and about or around the home. • Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. • Practise directional language by asking your child to describe where things are in the house. Including left and right. • Practice adding and subtracting whenever you feel it's appropriate! 	<p>History</p> <p>In History this half term our topic is Celebrations. This unit gives the children a chance to learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gunpowder Plot • Using timelines and chronological order in History. • Comparing a traditional Victorian Christmas to how we celebrate Christmas today. <p>Science</p> <p>In Science we will be learning all about the solar system. We will learn about space and the planets. We will learn to name and order the planets around the sun.</p>  <p>DT/Art</p> <p>In DT we will be learning about, replicating and creating hats and masks worn at different celebrations. In Art we are continuing to create a range of art based around Van Gogh's paintings.</p> <p>Computing</p> <p>In Computing we will be learning about algorithms and how we can use them in everyday life. We will also use them to program BeeBots to move in a desired path.</p> 

Homework and learn-its will be set weekly (Wednesday) alongside daily reading, and phonics-based spellings which will be sent home on a Friday (to be tested the following Friday). Please support your child with this and ensure homework books are back in school for marking on a Monday.

Dates to remember

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th November – Parent's Evening

Thursday 19th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December – End of Term

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see our learning in
action!

