

Below is a summary of what your child will be learning this half term, with suggested activities you could do to support their learning also.

English/Literacy

As our topic is The Jolly Christmas Postman, we will be reading and learning about a range of texts related to the theme 'letters'. The phonics and Early Words programs also run daily.

In writing, children will learn to:

- ✓ Independently writing simple sentences and beginning to write compound sentences, using conjunctions such as 'and'
- ✓ Continue working on letter and number formation, through daily handwriting
- ✓ Apply phonics skills to spelling (and reading)
- ✓ Students will engage in writing a range of text types, including descriptions, letters, rhymes and short stories.

Parents and carers are encouraged to:

- ✓ Listen to your child read daily – home readers will be changed twice a week, so please reread books with your child to reinforce their learning and understanding
- ✓ When reading, ask questions to check for understanding. You should ask your child to make predictions throughout their reading
- ✓ Practise weekly spelling words with your child, preferably once per day. This can be completed in yellow 'Homework Book'
- ✓ Discuss and rehearse Speaking & Listening/Show & Tell topics with your child each week. Your child's Show & Tell day is listed in their homework book.

Mathematics

This half term in maths, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction.

Children will be working on:

- ✓ Counting forwards and backwards to and from 100
- ✓ Writing and recognising numbers in numerals to 100, and in words to ten
- ✓ Adding and subtracting numbers 2-digit number (to 30)
- ✓ Number bonds to 20
- ✓ Comparing addition and subtraction statements

Parents and carers are encouraged to:

- ✓ Practise counting to 100 with your child. Counting objects such as coins in a money box or cups/bowls when preparing a meal, can be a practical way to include this into daily life.
- ✓ Use the Doodle Maths app for 15 minutes per day

History & Geography

In Geography, Students will be learning about:

- ✓ Bonfire Night & the Gunpowder Plot
- ✓ Remembrance Day
- ✓ Continents, seas and oceans

Physical Education

Students are required to participate in a range of physical activities, throughout the week.

- ✓ Daily Mile
- ✓ PE (Thursday)

The children will be learning balls skills including:

- ✓ Throwing and catching – Dodge ball
- ✓ Batting a ball with a racket/bat – tennis
- ✓ Kicking and dribbling – footballs
- ✓ Shooting – Netball

Science

In science, we will be asking questions and investigating everyday materials, as a continuation from Autumn A.

Art /Design Technology

Some of the art lessons Year 1 will be participating in include:

- ✓ Bonfire Night, Firework art
- ✓ Remembrance Day, poppy making
- ✓ Recreating postal stamps
- ✓ Creating a puzzle
- ✓ Junk modelling – creating a push-and-pull toy
- ✓ Christmas crafts including baking, weaving and sewing, print work and card making

Religious Education

Year 1 will begin the half term with Hinduism and Judaism.

Our RE topic is *Advent to Christmas*.

The children will be learning about:

- ✓ The liturgical calendar
- ✓ The synoptic Gospels
- ✓ Symbols of Advent
- ✓ The Jesse Tree and Jesus' family
- ✓ The Visitation and the Annunciation

Children will also take part in Collective Worship and attend church for special events.

ICT/ Computing

The students will be learning ICT and computing this half term, learning to type on Microsoft work and programming B-bots.

Music

The children will take part in singing on a daily basis, as well as scheduled music lessons, related to beat and pitch.

PSHCE/RSE

In PSHCE and RSE this half term, the students will learn about:

- ✓ The zones of regulation and how to regulate our emotions
- ✓ Recognising others' emotions and being empathetic
- ✓ Who we are, and what makes us special?

Additional Information

- ✓ Year 1 has PE every Thursday. Students need to come to school in their PE kits, this includes appropriate shoes. As the weather gets colder this should include some kind of cardigan/jumper.
- ✓ Sign your child's reading record book after reading, commenting on their understanding and progression. You can also find updates on your child's progression from teachers and TAs also.
- ✓ Please try and utilise the Doodle Maths, English and Spell apps to assist in reinforcing your child's learning at home. Their passwords can be found in their reading record.

Feel free to contact the school for any advice or guidance at any point in time.