

Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2 - 2022

Welcome back, we hope that you have had a great half term break. All our children did really well last half term settling into the Year 1 routines. The children have been showing all of the school values and moving around the school in a silent and sensible manner. We are really proud of them and look forward to another successful half term. We are also starting to get excited for all our Christmas events that will be preparing for soon.

In **English**, this half term becomes wintery with the introduction of our new text 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. This story tells the tale of a robin on his treacherous journey home. Through reading this story we are going to extend our sentence writing by writing compound sentences including 'and'.

In addition to this, we will be looking at the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' during our Teaching of Reading sessions. Children will explore the use of language and the structure of poems through oral rehearsal.

We will be reading:
Coming Home



History: The Romans in Britain

We are going to be studying the Romans! This includes looking at aspects of the Romans in the context of Britain, for example, how we lived in Britain before the Romans invaded as well as the architecture and technology they brought with them. We will discuss what impact this had on the people of Britain and whether the Roman invasion was beneficial to Britain. We are also going to be having a whole day of Roman-style activities so keep your eye out for 'Roman Day' communications and announcements on ParentHub.

Science: Living Things and Their Environments

In science we are going to be looking at living things and their environments. We are first going to be looking at what is living, what is dead and what has never been alive. Following on from this, we will take an in-depth look at habitats and the features of different habitats – such as rainforests, deserts, meadows and underground. We will be discussing many different animals during our science lessons and talking about their different food chains.

Art: Colour, Shape and Texture

In art this half term we are looking at the artist Matisse, particularly his artwork called Cut-out Mimosa and Panel with Mask. The children will be creating their own organic shape (a shape we do not recognise), cutting them out and creating their own art work based on this. They will have to think carefully about the colours they choose, making sure they have primary and secondary colours and the composition (how they lay out their work).

In **R.E** our big question will be 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. Through exploring this we will be looking at the Incarnation of God as baby Jesus and the importance of Christmas for Christians.

In **PSHCE** we will be studying 'My Emotions', looking at our feelings and how our actions affect the feelings of others as well as ourselves – looking at mental wellbeing overall.

In our indoor **PE** sessions we will be participating in gymnastics based activities. Our outdoor **PE** lessons will be taught by Mr Rogers and will focus on ball skills. PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

In **maths** this half term we are focussing on addition and subtraction. We are going to use part whole models to write number sentences and to solve problems. We will be learning our number bonds to 10/20 and seeing how quickly we can recall these.

Throughout the half term we will be using lots of different methods to solve addition and subtraction number sentences e.g, counting on and back, drawing a picture and using known number facts.

Year 1 Key Information

School planners should be in school every day. They are a key part of our communication with you so please check them regularly. All children also need to have their reading book in school every day. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by school staff weekly. Five reads results in a raffle ticket for a chance to win our half term prize. Children should now come to school on PE days wearing PE kit. Our outdoor PE lessons are on **Tuesday** and indoor PE lessons are on **Friday**.

Our library slot is on a Tuesday. Please make sure library books are back in school for this so they can be changed and choose another book.

Home Learning

Our home learning this half term will include daily reading and an activity from our 'Pic and Mix' sheet (stuck into home learning books). We will also set a home learning project linked to Science. If you would like the 'Pic and Mix' to be looked at weekly please make sure home learning books are in school on a **Thursday** and will be returned to you on a **Friday**.

Dates for your diary:

Friendship Week – 14th November - Odd Socks Day

Parents Evening - 23rd & 24th November

Roman Day – 28th November

Christmas Jumper Day – 9th December

KS1 Christmas Production – 14th December 2pm & 6pm

Last Day of Term – 21st December