

### **Maths**

In maths this half term, children will work with numbers to 20 and ensure they understand the value of each number and can complete number sequences, order numbers and identify one more and less before moving onto to learning further addition and subtraction strategies.

### **English**

In our English lessons, children will learn to write instructions and a three part story based on 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We will also continue to focus on the revision and development of core skills as children begin to write in sentences, learn to use capital letters and full stops, leave finger spaces between words and check their writing makes sense. Presentation is another large focus this half term as we practice forming letters correctly on the line, following the Browney Presentation Promise.

### **Phonics/Reading**

We are delighted to be using our Read Write Scheme to deliver our daily phonics sessions. We will focus on consolidating our knowledge of set 1 and 2 sounds and applying them into reading and spelling. If your child is ready, they will be introduced to the next set of new sounds (set 3). There will also be daily opportunities for children to read and enjoy a range of stories and poems.

### **Science**

Our science this half term continues to focus on materials and exploring their properties. In lessons, children will work to identify and discuss the properties and uses of different everyday materials, identify what they are used for and consider how suitable or unsuitable they are for particular purposes. Children will work scientifically as they classify materials, carry out investigations and record their observations.

### **Art and Design**

Our project 'Mix It! Continues to teach children to identify and mix primary colours to make secondary colours before creating their own designs and patterns using these colours.

### **DT**

'Shade and Shelter' focuses on the purpose of shelters and their materials before children design and build their own play den and finally evaluate their completed result.

### **History**

Our history topic, 'Childhood' continues to teach children about everyday life and families today whilst making comparisons to childhood in the 1950's.

### **Geography**

Our project 'Our Wonderful World' continues to teach children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries and capital cities of the UK.

### **RE**

In RE, we will be learning about key beliefs and traditions of Christianity. Most of our studies will focus around the nativity story and the significance of Christmas.

### **Music**

Our music sessions this half term will focus on Reggae and Hip Hop songs. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other styles of music.

### **PE**

Children will take part in a structured PE session each week on **Friday** as well as regular active bursts.

### **Home Learning**

#### **Homework**

A short homework task is sent home every Friday. This must be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

#### **Home Reading**

At the end of the week, children will be given a new 'book bag book' which correlates to the book they have read in their phonics group throughout the week. Their reading record and book must come to school **DAILY**. It will be returned each night with the exception of Thursday to allow staff to change the book. We encourage children to read at least four times a week for ten minutes at home and will receive a raffle ticket which is drawn weekly as a result.

#### **Spelling**

A list of spellings are sent home every Friday. The children will be tested on the words the following Friday. The result of their spelling test can be found in their reading record.

What an excellent first half term in Year 1! The children have quickly settled into their new class and adapted to our new routines easily. They have worked very hard to revise and develop their core skills in maths and English whilst enjoying a wide range of other topics. Children have explored animals in science, discovered that there are seven continents in geography and created their own timelines in history. A huge well done to all of the children!

I am always happy to help and if you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please catch me on the yard or email admin.

Have a well-deserved half term break,

Miss Hutchinson

Year 1 Teacher



# **Year 1**

## **Curriculum Information**

### **Autumn 2 2023**