

English

During this half term the children will be listening and responding to a range of texts from different cultures. They will be writing retells of the Diwali and Nativity stories. We will also have a focus on poetry where the children will listen, perform and write their own poems on the themes of 'Winter' and 'Bonfire Night'. They will be learning about poetic features such as rhyme, pattern, repetition and onomatopoeia. Guided reading sessions will continue to take place twice a week and all children will benefit from a daily phonics session.

Physical Development (Games)

Our focus in PE is on static balance and co-ordination. This will include a variety of floor movement patterns and learning the significance of balance in physical activities.

Computing

Our unit of work is 'programming'. The children will be learning what an algorithm is and how to debug programs using the bee-bots.

Science

This half term our focus will be on 'Weather'. In Year 1 we will be making a weather station which we will monitor throughout the year. We will be learning about the different types of weather in each season. We will also be looking at weather in another country (India) and how it compares to the UK.



Curriculum Overview for Parents

Year 1, Autumn Term 2

Let's Celebrate

Art & Design and Technology

Art

In this project, the children will choose, use and mix their own colours to create quality art that show progression in skills. They will explore the life and work of six key abstract artists and create pieces in a range of abstract styles.

History & Geography

Children will be going on a journey back in time to learn about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. They will become characters in a story and act out what happened on that very night. Children will then have the opportunity to retell the story using pictures and words.

This term, children will be learning about India and comparing it to where we live. They will have the opportunities to create their own maps, find out similarities and differences and complete a range of Indian craft activities. Children will be able to use globes, maps and a range of other sources to find out facts and we will have a particular focus on comparing the weather in India and Great Britain.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on furthering the children's understanding of number and place value. They will be learning different addition and subtraction methods (practical and mental), and using and applying these operations to solve problems. The children will also be learning about shape, space and measure and beginning to sort data and represent it in different ways, as well as coin recognition.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

(Celebrating Difference) The second jigsaw piece is 'Celebrating Difference' and children will be identifying similarities and differences between people in their class, understand what bullying is and how it might make you feel. Children will learn who they can talk to if they feel unhappy and know how to make new friends.

Religious Education

This term, we are exploring the question 'Who is Jesus and why is his birth important?' We will be finding out who Jesus was and who he is important to. We will be exploring the Christmas story, the meaning of Advent and Christingle. The children will be visiting St. James' Church to learn about the 'Journey to the Stable'.