Weather and Seasons



In Music this half term, Year 1 will be using their voices expressively and creatively by singing a variety of songs. They will be learning about pitch and practicing singing together in unison, developing their performance skills as they prepare songs for the Christmas Play. The children will also begin to learn the names of the instruments in the brass family.

In Year 1, children will learn about what makes themselves special, recognising their own strengths and qualities. They will explore how families show love, care and support for one another and understand how families help us to feel safe and valued. The children will also explore what makes a good friend and how to create a kind and friendly classroom. They will learn the importance of showing kindness, even when feeling angry or upset, and treating others with kindness and respect.

This half term in Science, Year 1 will be exploring Seasonal Change. The children will observe how the weather and environment change across the four seasons and learn to describe the different types of weather we experience throughout the year. They will also investigate how the length of the day varies in each season.

During Autumn 2 in PE, Year 1 will be focusing on Dance. The children will explore how to use simple movements with control and coordination, responding to music and rhythm. They will enjoy learning and practicing dance routines in preparation for their Christmas Play, developing confidence and teamwork along the way.



This half term, children will develop their understanding of addition and subtraction within 10. They will explore different ways to add numbers to 10, using part-whole models, number bonds and addition equations, while recognising that numbers can be added in any order. They will learn different strategies for subtraction, using number bonds and counting back, supported by practical resources and pictorial representations. Children will also develop their understanding of numbers to 20, learning to count, write, compare and order numbers, as well as recognise number patterns. In addition, they will explore positional and directional language, including using left and right, to describe the position and movement of objects.

In Geography this half term, Year 1 will be learning about seasonal and weather patterns in the UK. The children will explore the months of the year and identify the four seasons, describing how they differ and the features of each one. They will discuss the clothing we wear in different types of weather, learn to record the weather, and consider how weather affects different jobs throughout the year.

This half term in English, Year 1's focus text is Katie Goes to London by James Mayhew. Using this story as inspiration, the children will be developing their early writing skills by learning to join words using 'and', punctuate sentences with capital letters and full stops, and use capital letters for names of people and places. They will also practice sequencing sentences to link ideas or events using pronouns, building up to writing their own non-chronological report about London.

This half term in DT, Year 1 will build on their Science and History learning by exploring and evaluating a range of toys and the materials they are made from. The children will think carefully about which materials are most suitable and why, before choosing appropriate materials to design and create their own toys.