

### **English**

In phonics, we use the Read Write Inc Scheme. Children will be learning sounds in the RWI order. They will practise new sounds in reading and writing. Each week we will have a different grammar focus but will be particularly working on capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will also be looking at different books by the author Julia Donaldson.

#### Maths

To start the half term, we will be learning about clock faces and practising how to tell time on the hour and half past the hour. Following this, Year 1 will be practising how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also be using these patterns to recognise equal groups. As the term progresses, Year 1 will be learning how to represent and solve multiplication facts in different ways.

#### Science

This half term we will be looking at plants, how they grow, what function each part has, and which common plants grow around us. We will learn about the key parts of a plant including the roots, stem, leaves and flower. Also, we will investigate how seeds germinate, using cress. We will find out the conditions that seeds are unlikely to grow in, such as in the darkness or without moisture. Finally, we will learn about deciduous and evergreen trees, and the differences between them.

### Geography

In geography, children will use globes and atlases to explore the seven continents. We will look at each continent in turn, identifying physical and human geographical features. We will compare and contrast different locations around the world with their locality and with landscapes they are familiar with. Throughout this unit, we will be forming an understanding that the world is a diverse place, and continents can hold many different landscapes.

### Art

In art this half term, we will be looking at paintings of children. We will explore how art, and in particular paintings by Hogarth, Cassatt and Bruegel the Elder, give us information about the past. 'The Graham Children' by Hogarth provides a focus for the whole unit. We will copy small sections of the painting and plan where lines and colours should go, colour-matching and using watercolours with different sized brushes.

# **Physical Education (PE)**

This half term we will be practising for our sports day. We will be practising our skipping, javelin, running, throwing and balancing skills. We will also develop our teamwork skills. Year 1 will also be looking at being creative by observing and copying others, exploring and describing different movements and selecting movements together to fit a theme.

## <u>Computing – Digital writing</u>

This half term we will be focusing on digital writing. We will develop our understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and manipulate text. Children will become more familiar with using a keyboard and mouse to enter and remove text. We will also consider how to change the look of our text and will be able to justify the reason behind making these changes.

## Personal Social Health Education (PSHE)

In PSHE this half term, we will be exploring the theme of families. Throughout this unit, year 1 will be identifying and discussing what makes a family and what the similarities and differences between us all. We will also be looking at how to be kind to others and happens if people are treated unkindly.

#### Music

This term we will focus on singing songs with an accompaniment of percussion instruments (claves, drums, glockenspiel, triangle and others). We will also sing 'call and response' songs and practice tapping a steady beat while singing. We will continue to recognise the difference between rhythm and a beat in songs and music pieces. We will also practice to differentiate one beat notes (crotchets) against four beat notes (semibreves).

## **Religious Education (RE)**

In R.E we will be learning about Sikhism. Year 1 will be learning about important Sikh values relating to being a good human being. Year 1 will also be learning about significant traditions, prayer and worship within the Sikh religion.

### Ideas for home to support

- Read with your child, join a library or let them listen to audiobooks.
- All lessons will be posted on Google Classroom, feel free to complete these tasks as revised learning with your child.
- Numbots
- Numberblocks and Alphablocks (BBC Iplayer / YouTube).