# English In English we will be reading the Power of Reading

text 'The Story Tree'. Our written work will focus upon writing captions, simple recounts, writing a short narrative in role and also writing a story of our own using the features of another story.

We will develop our knowledge of the Year 1 common exception words, these words are in homework books if you wish to practise spelling them with your child at home. In school we will be using www.spellingframe.co.uk, which is an exciting tool that can also be used at home.

We will be learning to present our work to the highest standard, which will include learning how to join our letters in handwriting and making sure our work can be read easily.

#### Reading

Please continue to share the love of books with your child. Encourage them to read/share books 5 times per week. This should be recorded on one page per week of the Reading Record. Reads will be counted on your child's specified book change day. Reading should be a delightful experience and we encourage you to revisit and reread favourite books and stories. Happy readers become confident readers.

#### Our PE Day

Year 1 will have PE on a **Friday**. Please ensure that children have a full outdoor and indoor PE kit in school all week. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed as outlined in the school's uniform policy on our website.

#### Curriculum - Geography

This half term in Year 1, our Geography focus enquiry question will be,

### 'Where are we on a Map?'

We shall learn about the differences between a village, a town and a city, whilst observing the human and physical features of each locality.

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#### Learning Outcome

By the end of this half term, the children will have visited Hull and explored Keelby. They will then create two factfiles about the village of Keelby and the city of Hull.

#### Homework

Each week the children will be set one piece of each English and Maths Homework on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. An optional menu of creative ideas is also included in homework books. Remember that any pupil led ideas and work will be welcomed and celebrated.

#### Maths

In Year 1 this term we will continue to consolidate our understanding of place value, especially understanding numbers up to 20, and continue to develop our problem solving skills. We will be clarifying our understanding of addition and then learning about subtraction. Encouraging your child to have a go at this practically and explain their thinking and reasoning will develop their confidence and be hugely beneficial within their Maths lessons.

We will also work on 2d and 3d shapes, and look at their properties.

#### Science

This half term Year 1 will learn about 'Seasonal Changes and Weather'. We will learn about the different seasons and weathers associated with them. We will observe the effects of the weather during the different seasons.

#### Wider Curriculum

RE - Christianity - What gift would I have given Jesus if he had been born in my town and not in Bethlehem?

ICT - Word processing and animation.

PHSE - Celebrating difference (incl. anti-bullying).

Music - 'Rhythm in the way we walk/The Banana Rap' - learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch

PE - Interpretive Dance and Indoor Athletics