

### Geography

This term our topic is called 'Where I Live'. We will explore our local area and compare the features to Brazil. We will learn about physical and human features, map reading, key symbols, the UK countries and the 7 continents of the world.

### ICT

We will explore Grouping and Sorting and Pictograms using Purple Mash.

### Art

In art, we will be exploring our sculpture through the creation of vibrant and expressive carnival masks, linking our artistic learning to our Geography topic on Brazil. We will explore form, texture and colour to construct our own unique masks.

### Literacy (Writing)

We will begin this term using the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and will focus on description, instructions, letters/postcards and invitations. We will then focus on stories from other cultures/worlds.

In reading, we are using various texts within our reading route, focusing on the reading domains of comprehension, vocabulary, sequencing and retrieval.

Non-fiction texts will also be linked to our Geography and Science topics!

Spellings - We will continue to learn spellings from our Sounds Write sessions and the statutory spelling lists which will be tested on a Friday as part of our spelling quiz!

### PE (Tuesday and Friday)

Invasion games - Dodgeball. We will be focusing on the ball control, passing, throwing and catching and applying the rules and these skills within simple games.

Floor gymnastics - we will explore travelling, balances, rolls and jumps and linking these movements into a performance.

### Music

We will be learning to sing and play instruments along to the Charanga unit 'In the Groove'.

### SCIENCE

We will investigate the biology strand of Animals including Humans where we identify and name a variety of common animals, sort them using their animal groups, identify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, describe and compare their structures. We will identify, name and label the basic parts of the human body and the parts for our senses.

### RE

We will explore the topic called Special People where we look at how the people in our parish family help us at church. The big question is What makes a person special? We will then explore the topic called Meals where we will look at the Last Supper and Communion at Mass. Our big question is What makes some meals special? Our Lent/Easter is called Change where the children explore the signs, symbols and stories around Holy Week. Our big question is How and why do things change? Finally, our last topic is Pentecost: Holidays and Holy Days with the big question Do we need Holidays and Holidays?

### PSHE

Treating Others Well, Saying Sorry and Good and Bad Secrets.

### Welcome to Year 1

Take a look and see what we are doing this term. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries!

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Gowler and Miss Neesam



### Maths

Using the White Rose Maths Scheme:

We will continue working on our Subtraction skills within 10 and 2D and 3D Shapes.

We will then continue to work on our Place Value, Addition and Subtraction within 20 and Measuring length, height, mass and volume.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take the time to read your child's newsletter as it contains lots of useful information about the forthcoming weeks of the Spring Term.

Attendance - We are continuing improve our attendance and would appreciate you support in this. Please contact school if you have any queries or require any support regarding attendance or punctuality.

Dates for diaries - We will send out a list of dates for Spring term shortly. Reminders will be put on Facebook and Seesaw.

Homework - The children will be given spellings and reading at home as homework each week to consolidate/reinforce what they have been working on in class. Please contact me, at any time, if you have any concerns with the homework. It is an expectation of our school that you read with your child at least 3 times a week. Reading at home means the children get their names in the Star Jar for a chance at getting a treat!

Uniform - A reminder that jewellery including earrings should not be worn at any time for health and safety reasons. Nail varnish and stick-on tattoos are also prohibited. Full uniform is expected on days with no PE.

PE - Please ensure a full PE kit is worn on the PE days which include unbranded black shorts/leggings or tracksuit bottoms, blue school PE t-shirt, an unbranded black hoody and trainers. PE is on Tuesday and Friday each week.

A member of staff will be present on the school yard each morning to discuss any issues and pass on messages to other staff members. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any further questions or concerns. Make sure to check Seesaw for notes and messages regarding Y1 and whole school events!!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Gowler and Miss Neesam

Year 1 Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants