



It is great to have the children back and ready to go after a well-deserved break. Here is what we will be learning about from now until Christmas! It will be here before we know it!

English

This half term we continue to use the extremely successful RWI phonics program to help us with our reading on a daily basis. In literacy, we will focus on events like 'The Gunpowder Plot' to get our reading and writing warmed up. Then we'll begin to link our literacy to other areas of the curriculum in reading 'Old Bear' alongside our history topic to explore the concept of new and old. We will be working on planning sentences, using capital letters to begin sentences and full stops to end them. We will add adjectives and conjunctions to our writing to make it more exciting. If you can encourage a good sitting position and pencil grip at home and practise letter formation whilst sitting letters on the line, that would be marvellous!

Maths

We will consolidate our learning on 'addition' and will then develop our 'subtraction' skills while applying our techniques in problem solving and reasoning. We will use objects to help us, number lines and then calculating in our heads. We will be looking at 'odd' and 'even' numbers, counting in twos and tens and remembering our number bonds to 10, 20 and beyond. Later in the half term, we will look at 2D and 3D shapes.

History

This half term we will be introducing the concept of history. On return from half term we have looked at the gunpowder plot as the reason behind the celebrations of bonfire night and following this we will be looking at the history behind Remembrance Day. Our main topic focus we will be learning all about the history of our local area. We will explore what Netherthong, Holmfirth and Huddersfield were like in the past and then focus on schooling and how that has changed with a link to the Victorian era.

Science and Computing

We will be continuing to observe the beautiful seasonal changes and noting how the temperature and weather changes too. In Science, we will begin our work on animals, classifying species into groups such as vertebrates and invertebrates. We will be looking closely at the anatomies of animals and how this influences their movements and lifestyles. We will be continuing to develop our keyboard and mouse skills as we progress through purple mash.

PHSE and RE

In R.E. we are going to explore various different celebrations from different religions. 'Why do we celebrate?' will be a key question we will cover and we will also focus on 'The Nativity' story as we approach Christmas. We will continue to use role play and discussion circles to address a wide range of PSHCE scenarios and will continue to learn how peer massage can help create a calming classroom.

PE

This half term netball will be our main focus. This will entail a wide range of multi-skills; movement, timing, balance, communication and working as a team. Your child will need a *fully-labelled* PE kit – including correct footwear in order to participate. PE lessons will usually take place on a Tuesday and Friday though these can be subject to change occasionally.

Important Dates this half term:

12th November – Movie Night
21st November – Family Sharing
29th November – INSET Day
6th December – Winter Fayre
17th & 18th December – KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm



Here are a just a few ways in which you can aid your child’s learning at home and additional information to help you;

- Please continue sharing stories with your child and listening to your child read every evening.
- Please could your child practise writing both his/her forename and surname.
- Please could you support your child in recognising and practising forming numbers to 10 and then 20 and beyond.
- Could you also please support your child in correctly forming each letter of the alphabet. (sheet attached)
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.
- P.E. kits will be needed on both a Tuesday and a Friday. They can store them in their lockers.
- Library books will be changed on a Wednesday and reading books throughout the week.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday; usually consisting of a number of spellings to learn in a spelling book or through spelling shed and a Maths activity using Mathletics (see reading records for login details). We recommend spending around an hour a week on homework and be sure to keep listening to your children read.

We all hope your child thoroughly enjoys Year 1. Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. The children seem to have had a wonderful half terms and we hope they will continue to have a fabulous, fun time in Year 1. If anyone has any time in which they can volunteer in school to help with reading and other things please let one of us know. Thanks!

Mr Hobson, Miss Hemingway and Mrs Cooper!

New Vocabulary

mill	weaver	village	Guy Fawkes
past	local	wool	remembrance



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