

Things you can do to support your child at home...

Literacy

- *Talk, talk, talk—chat with your child, encouraging them to give reasons for their thoughts.*
- *Please read with your child daily and write in their reading diary. Talk about the text and ask questions that will encourage more than one word answers.*
- *Encourage your child to write your shopping list or write out instructions to bring to school for their friends to follow. This could be a game, model or recipe.*

Maths

- *Practice recording addition and subtraction number sentences. When playing board games please use two dice as this will encourage mental addition of small numbers.*

Topic

- *Talk to your child about where the food on their plate comes from. Where has it been grown? How has it been cooked? Is it local?*



Year 1 Autumn 1



Curriculum Information

R.E/PSHE:

The children will spend some time thinking about, creating, and learning our classroom rules and responsibilities. We will also talk about how to stay safe on a school trip. We will explore the themes of 'The Little Red Hen', and how we can all learn to help each other to achieve something.

D&T/Art/Music:

D&T: We will follow a recipe and make some bread just like the Little Red Hen. This will help the children to understand where food comes from and observe the changes that occur. **Art:** This half term the children will learn to use the art area independently to access resources. They will find out about the sculptor Nick Mackman and create their own animals from clay. **Music:** We will learn the Little Red Hen rap and learn how to keep a steady beat for the duration of a song.

Computing:

The children will create a set of instructions for making bread and take and print photographs to support this. Creating and following a set of instructions is a crucial first step in the new computing curriculum; this forms the basis of algorithms.

Maths:

This half term children will be learning to order numbers to 20. They will be investigating numbers and finding out what is one more or one less than any given number up to 30. We will also be concentrating on getting our number formation correct and round the right way using a special rhyme! We will start to establish their mental arithmetic skills by counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. Towards the end of the half term, we will be using money, and exploring the value of different coins.



Little Red Hen

This topic will enable the children to learn about many inter-related themes - harvest, autumn, weather, local farming; and where our food comes from, which is now a crucial element of the new National Curriculum.

Learning outside the classroom: To enhance this topic, children will visit a real, local working farm, Barn Farm, near Hipley. They will learn about how food goes from 'field to fork'. Date:

Literacy:

Reading: We will be learning to read and spell lots of new digraphs (two letters that make one sound) during our phonics sessions. During Guided Reading the children will be learning to talk in more detail about what they have read. **Writing:** The children will have great fun learning to recite the story of The Little Red Hen using the actions to go with it. This helps them to learn the structure of a story which means they can eventually write their own. They will help create a 'farm' role play area that enables them to improve their speaking and listening skills. There will be lots of opportunities to write instructions for their recipes. They will also write some thank you letters back to the farm. The Little Red Hen may want to know how she can persuade the other animals to help her! The children will be practising using capital letters and full stops in their sentences. Our fun handwriting sessions will build their fine motor skills and develop their letter formation.

Science:

The new Science National Curriculum in Year 1 is focussed on children learning about their local environment. We will be going outside as much as possible and observing the changes in the seasons by taking photographs and creating a class 'Seasons Book' Children will associate different weather to different seasons and investigate the changes in the length of our days.

PE:

Gymnastics

During gymnastics the children will learn to move and position their bodies in different ways.

Games

We will have lots of fun outside learning to throw and catch different sizes of balls.

Geography:

The children will be creating their own maps of their local area using aerial photographs and Google Earth. They will learn to identify features such as farms, fields, schools and local villages.

The children will learn about sustainability with regards to food, the benefits to our environment about buying 'locally', and not wasting food; all of which reinforces what they learnt during Recycling Week.