

Class 1 Curriculum—Autumn 2018

Phonics

The children will take part in daily phonics sessions with a teacher or teaching assistant. The children in Reception will be learning new sounds at a steady rate of 2 or 3 each week to begin with. Children in Year 1 have been consolidating their knowledge of digraphs (two letters making one sound – e.g. 'ai' as in 'snail') and trigraphs (three letters making one sound – e.g. 'igh' as in 'night'). We are now moving on to learning alternate spellings and pronunciations as well as focusing on learning new 'tricky' words.

English

We have begun the year with a focus text: 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children are really enjoying working on the story and we will be using it to form the basis of our English work over the next couple of weeks. After this, we will move on to some work on non-fiction texts based on jobs, with a particular focus on jobs involving helping people, linking with our topic work.

After the half-term holiday, we will spend time working on some different pieces of poetry before moving onto key fiction texts again. Leading up to Christmas, the children will learn about writing letters and will have a go at producing their own very important letters to Father Christmas.

Mathematics

We have begun the year with a focus on number. The children will work at their own ability level to recognise and learn how to write numbers up to 100, with lots of work on place value. We will be doing lots of counting by rote, forwards and backwards. Children in Reception will do lots of work on number formation in fun ways, including writing in shaving foam, mud and sand. Year 1 children will be learning bonds to 10 and some children will move on to focus on the bonds to 20 and beyond. After the half-term holiday, we will be learning the names and properties of 2 and 3D shapes and children in Year 1 will work out ways of sorting shapes using Venn and Carroll diagrams.

Our **Topic** this half term is Fighting Fit, where we will learn all about how to keep a healthy lifestyle. We will also be looking at the jobs that people do that enable us to do this, as well as looking at 'historical helpers', such as Florence Nightingale. After half-term, our topic will be Far Flung Places. We will be learning about contrasting places on Earth, beginning with somewhere very warm and finishing with somewhere very cold. The children always enjoy wondering how a sleigh would be built to withstand the cold and then having a go at designing their own sleigh for Santa!

In **Science**, we are learning about staying healthy and looking after our bodies. After October half-term, we will be focusing on the human body and learning about the different parts and their functions.

Our **History** work is all about people who helped us in the past. After half-term, we will be doing some Geography work on hot and cold places.

In **RE**, we are thinking about helpers. First of all, we will think about how we are helpers at home and school, before moving on to learning how Christians and Muslims learn to be helpers through stories of religious significance. After half-term, we will be thinking about celebrations, leading to discovering how Christians celebrate Christmas.

In **PE**, our focus is multi-skills until Christmas. Children will be working with a specialist PE coach once a week.

Our **Computing** work will be focused on learning how technology is used in the wider world, linking to our history and topic work on people who help us. We will also touch lightly, in age-appropriate terms, on keeping safe online.

In **Art**, we will be creating fruit faces based on the work of the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. As autumn approaches, the children will learn how to do leaf rubbings and lots of other autumn artwork. We will look at the changing seasons and how nature evolves throughout the year. After half-term we will be working to a specification when designing sleighs for Santa in our DT work.

In **Music**, the children will be exploring different sounds before moving on to learn Christmas songs and carols after the holidays.

In **PSHCE**, we will be concentrating on how to be a good friend and team member but we will also focus on different issues through the term as and when they arise.