



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 programme 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 work on planning sentences, using capital letters to begin sentences and full stops to end them. We will be adding 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 our 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 shape.

### **Topic**

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. For 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 continue to observe the beautiful seasonal changes and note 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 also continue to develop our keyboard and mouse skills as we progress through purple mash.

### **PSHE and RE**

In R.E. we will discover what a church means to Christians and a mosque to Muslims. 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 PSHE scenarios and will continue to learn how peer massage can help create a calming classroom.

### **PE**

This half term we will be developing our skills using multi-skills; focusing primarily on travelling, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Your child will need a **fully-labelled** PE kit – including correct footwear – in school in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up during PE.

### **Important Dates this half term:**

Family Sharing Evening – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Christmas Performances – W/C 17<sup>th</sup> December



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 if possible 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.
- 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 this half term. Please leave a P.E. kit in school with your child for the whole of each half term. 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 (either Schofield and Simms or an IXL online activity). The children will be given a username and password for IXL; we will inform you when we would like the children to complete these activities as we prefer them to be completed when we are concentrating on the same area of Maths in class. The children will be asked to complete either an IXL activity or a Schofield and Simms activity, not both. We recommend spending around an hour a week on homework and be sure to keep listening to your children read.

Mrs Cooper and Miss Kewley are supporting class 1 this year. 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 have had a wonderful first week 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, phonics and other things please let one of us know. Thanks!

Mr Hobson, Miss Watkins and the Year 1 Team!