

# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

## Literacy

At the beginning of this half-term, we will be focusing on the preparing the children for the Year 1 phonics screening check. We will be completing lots of fun phonics activities and practising all the sounds the children have been taught.

This half-term our focus texts for literacy will be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Bog Baby'. We will also be looking at the features of instructions. The children will follow some simple instructions and then have a go at writing their own.

## Dates for your diary . . .

Phonics Screening Week	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Class photos	17 <sup>th</sup> June
Super champs Day	27 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Day	
Children will spend time in their new class with their Y2 teacher.	11 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports Day	15 <sup>th</sup> July
Parents Open Afternoon	17 <sup>th</sup> July

## Summer 2



Last day of term:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

## History

Our history topic for this half-term is Famous People with connections to the UK. We will be continuing to think about what makes someone famous before doing a more in-depth study into Florence Nightingale. We will consider why Florence Nightingale is so important and famous in history before thinking about how hospitals have changed over time and taking part in some hospital role play. We will then be moving on to an in-depth study into Mary Seacole and comparing the two women.

We will be learning about Sir David Attenborough and why he has become so famous. We will focus on his work on saving the planet.



## Mathematics

This half-term we will be consolidating all of our mathematical learning so far. We will be making sure the children are secure with recognising and using numbers up to 100 and deepening their understanding of place value.

We will also be working with money. The children will learn to recognise coins and notes as well as being able to count them.

Throughout this half term we are helping the children to begin to tell the time. We hope that by the end of year 1 the children will be able to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour.



## PSHE

This half-term our Jigsaw topic is 'Changing Me'. The children will be learning that everyone is unique and special, and that people express how they feel in different ways. They will be learning to understand and respect change and know who to ask for help if they are worried about change.

The children will be encouraged to talk about how they feel about moving into Year 2. They will share what they are looking forward to doing and any worries they might have.

At the end of the unit, we will celebrate all of our learning this year.



## Art

All children are artists! During this half-term your child will be 'Exploring Watercolour Paints'. Children will be creating a piece of art work based around the artist Paul Klee. We will create different shapes and patterns with the watercolour paints.



The children will also look at the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his famous Sunflowers painting. They will have a go at creating their own sunflower painting.



## Geography

Our Geography topic for this half-term will be all about the weather. The children will revisit the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and begin to look at the weather in each of the four countries. We will be keeping a weather diary and begin to recognise some of the symbols that are used to represent different weathers and the children will have the opportunity to 'present' the weather to their friends using the knowledge they have learnt.

You could watch the weather with your child at home and see if they can recognise some of the weather symbols. You could then have a go at becoming weather presenters yourselves.



## Music

Our theme this half term is called 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay'. Our music lessons will revisit some of the songs we have learnt throughout the year as well as introduce some new songs. We will also continue to build on our instrumental skills by learning a new piece on the glockenspiels.

## Religious Education

During this half-term our religious focus will be Judaism.

The question we will be looking to answer will be **"Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?"**

We will explore the Jewish calendar in particular the Jewish new year and begin to think about our year in school and celebrate our achievements.

## Computing

Your child will explore the program Scratch Jr. They will learn how to create, modify and run their own program by exploring different algorithms.

If you would like to download this program for your child to use at home this can be found in the app store on your phone /tablet or computer.



## Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have. Remember to listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this each time in their yellow reading record.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water.



As the weather begins to warm up please provide your child with a sun hat and apply suncream before school.



PE Kits must be brought to school every Monday and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and suitable shoes for outdoor sport.

