

### As Writers ...

We will be writing simple recounts and writing a short narrative based on a character flaw.

In our writing we will practise:

- Leaving finger spaces between words
- Writing clear sentences that make sense
- Using our phonic knowledge to spell words
- Using a capital letter and full stop in our sentences
- Beginning to use exclamation marks and question marks
- Using 'and' to extend our sentences.

### As Readers ...

We will continue to read in lots of different ways in our classroom! In our daily phonics lessons we will practise blending words with our phonic sounds and learn to read Rainbow Words, which are words that cannot be sounded out, and need to be read by sight.

We will also read shared texts with our teachers and learn special skills, including how to understand what the text is saying, understanding simple punctuation and reading words with more than one syllable.

We will read to adults in class individually each week.

### As Mathematicians ...

We will use the White Rose scheme of work. This outlines small steps of success for each area of the Year 1 curriculum. We will develop our fluency, reasoning and problem solving in the following areas:

- Addition and Subtraction within 10
- Geometry - Shape

We will master our maths skills in a very practical way, involving lots of fun activities and games and working with other children and adults.

### As Historians...

This half term, we will be learning about kings, queens and castles. Children will be introduced to some of the most famous and significant kings and queens of England. We will consider how we learn about the past and how it is similar to a detective. They will then think about castles and why they were built and will identify some of the features of a castle and what they are used for. We will look at each significant king or queen in turn, going back in time chronologically and learn a little about their lives and which palaces and castles were significant to them. The children will compare monarchs of different times that lived in the same castle and have the opportunity to point out differences between the monarchs of the past.

### As Musicians...

We will be enjoying the topic 'Rhythm in the way we walk and Banana Rap'. All the learning is focused around two songs: Rhythm In The Way We Walk (Reggae style) and Banana Rap (Hip Hop style). We will listen & appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games and singing.

## Year 1 Block 2 Parent Information



### In PSHE ...

This half term we will be recognising, valuing and celebrating differences. We will be developing respect and accepting others as well as recognising bullying and understanding how to get help.

### In RE...

We will focus on the key question - Why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will talk about the key events from the Christmas story and find out about how Christmas is celebrated today. We will begin to consider which traditions are secular and which are religious. We will focus on religious artwork, saying how and why it helps Christians today to celebrate the key events from the story.

### As Artists...

We will be completing a Drawing topic called 'Make your Mark'. We will explore mark making and line; working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces.

### As Scientists ...

We will be working on our unit 'Animals Including Humans'. We will look at, describe and compare different animals and name their groups. We will look at their diets to establish whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

### In Computing...

We will be continuing to develop our mouse skills. We will learn how to log in and navigate around a computer. We will develop our mouse skills by learning how to drag, drop, click and control a cursor. We will apply this knowledge to create works of art inspired by Kandinsky and our self-portraits.

### In PE ...

Our Core lessons will focus on developing jumping and landing and seated balance. In Gymnastics, we will complete a 'Flight' topic, where we learn, develop and apply flight and rotation on the floor and apparatus.

### Home Learning

- Please read with your child regularly (we recommend at least 3 times per week)
  - Numbots
- Maths Home Learning Activities
  - Spelling Shed