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Computing

In Computing we will be exploring how the technology works and having fun using keyboards, mice and cameras. We will practise taking and editing photos, get creative with different software and learn how to stay safe online.



RE

This half term we will be studying the unit 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?" We will be learning about the Christmas story and some of the traditions that we share at Christmas time.



Homework

Homework will be sent out on FRIDAY and collected the following THURSDAY. Homework will consist of a Phonics information sheet detailing the sounds we have covered during the week. There will also be an activity or task to complete. Please try to read with your child as much as possible and complete the comments section in the Reading Journal.

Ways to help...

There are lots of things you can do at home to support your child's development. Games like I Spy help encourage spelling. Making your own playdough is a fun activity that supports learning about turns, measures and materials. Younger and younger will also help develop finger strength! Board games are great for encouraging turn-taking, counting and problem-solving. For maths, also work on addition, coins are a super help that helps with place value.. If you need to practice phonics, reading regularly at home, including talking about the story, helps build confidence and understanding.

Cooking, baking, helping with chores, making shopping lists are great life skills to support reading and maths.

History

Our history topic is called 'How Have Toys Changed?" We will be learning about traditional toys and games and exploring how toys have changed over time. If you have any toys from your childhood — or if any grandparents would be willing to visit and talk to the class — please let me know. We would love to welcome some visitors!



Don't forget!

- PE is on WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Please ensure kit is in school.
- Reading books will usually be changed on FRIDAYS.
- Please make sure that Reading books are in school every day.
- Please label items of clothing.

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In English, we will be exploring the story of Zog by Julia Donaldson. We will be describing characters, writing our own adventures and creating exciting reports about dragons! We will also be practising our punctuation and using adventurous vocabulary to bring our writing to life!

Phonics

Phonics is taught daily – please look out for sounds and words to practise at home. Additional info can be found in homework books.

Maths

Reception:

We're going to be learning about patterns! Can you find any patterns at home? Shapes, nature, number...

Year One:

This term, we will focus on Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and Shape. Can you find any shapes around your home?



Science

In Science, we will be exploring the four seasons and discovering how the weather and world around us change throughout the year. We will be observing seasonal changes, looking at how trees and plants change, and learning about how the length of the day varies across the seasons.



DT

This half term, we will be making a moving story book! We'll be thinking about sliders and mechanisms, illustrations, using a design-criteria and evaluating our work!



Music

In Music this half term, we'll continue exploring a variety of fun songs including "Shake My Sillies Out" and "The Menu Song." We'll be thinking about how these songs make us feel, how we respond to them and what messages they might carry. Children will also be developing their understanding of beat and rhythm as they listen, move, and join in with the music.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning how to stay safe and be kind online. We will explore the importance of balancing screen time with other activities, using the internet safely and knowing who to talk to if something online makes us feel worried or uncomfortable.

