




Welcome to Year 1.

The team working with the lovely children in Year 1 this year are Mrs Jones, Miss Murray, Miss Ashmore, Mrs Bailey and Miss Quinn.

In Year 1, this half term we shall be covering...

	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In maths this half term we will continue to work on number bonds within 10 as it is important that children become fluent in these facts. We will then start to look at formal addition through the idea of 'counting all' and 'count on strategies'.</p> <p>We will also be looking at subtraction within 10. We will be introduced to the key language of subtraction and a range of scenarios in which subtraction takes place. They will be introduced to formal subtraction through concrete and pictorial representations.</p>
	<p><b>English</b></p> <p>This half term in English, we'll be exploring a number of text types including creating our own stories while focusing on the settings.</p> <p>Within these text types, we'll be learning a range of grammatical devices including the correct formation of letters, we will continue to develop sentence structure by using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and begin to describe using adjectives.</p> <p>Within our class novel, we will continue to explore key vocabulary, predicting what might happen next and continuing to practise our inference skills. We will be looking at the following books: The Enormous Crocodile and The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse as well as sharing many other stories that we love and enjoy.</p> <p>The children will continue to learn phonic sounds daily through the Read, Write Inc programme.</p>
	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>This half term, in Science we'll be exploring the topic of Everyday Materials.</p> <p>Within Everyday Materials, we shall be learning how to identify the difference between a material and an object, exploring the properties of different materials and comparing and grouping materials together. As well as developing our scientific skills in analysing and through practical activities such as: investigating which materials are waterproof and observing changes to ice, after making predictions.</p>



## History

This half term, we are studying history.

We will be asking the question 'Why was the gunpowder plot so significant?'. The children will be going back in time to explore life in the 1600s. They will be finding out why some people didn't like the king and the terrible plot they created! Did it all go to plan? Using primary and secondary sources, the children will become history detectives to answer the question about the past.



This half term in music we will learn new songs. We will play tuned percussion instruments called Boomwakers, xylophones and a range of untuned percussion instruments. We will create our own Winter inspired composition using graphic score. We will use our voices expressively and creatively by singing Christmas songs and to speak chants and rhymes. We will listen with concentration to a wide range of music. Suggested listening: Classical Kids: Light and silly classical music for young children - Classical MPR Playlist - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmvY3\\_6XAvQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmvY3_6XAvQ) Christmas Songs and Carols with Lyrics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK9DUvj50iY>

## D&T

This half term we will have two DT days where we will be weaving a festive themed placemat. We will look at what placemats are used for as well as practicing our weaving skills. We will then design and make our placemats and evaluate our end product.



In Year 1 this term we will be carrying out an ongoing Science experiment by making and measuring results of rain gauges. We will also be completing an ongoing project using sheath knives to whittle to make wooden reindeers ready for our Christmas Fair.



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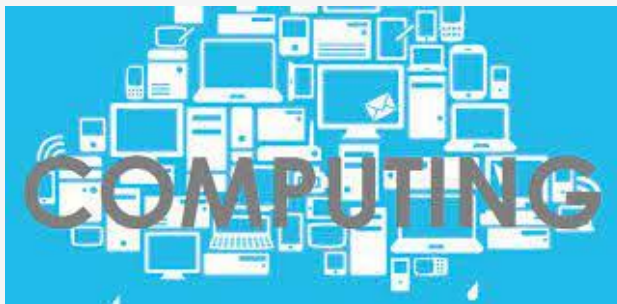
This half term we'll be focussing on 'The Christmas Story' from a Christian point of view. We will be looking at answering the key question 'What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem'.

We be sharing the Christmas story and talking about the importance of Jesus' birth to Christians.



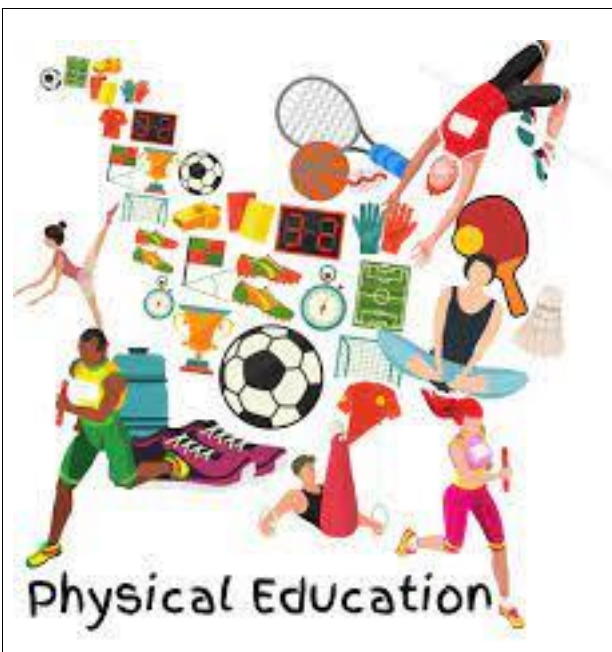
PSHE

Within PSHE, we will be exploring personal qualities and looking at strategies to manage feelings. We will look at the importance of sleep and feeling relaxed. We will also consider why we wash our hands and why we should consistently do this.



Computing

In computing this half term, we will learn how to create observational sketches on our ipads using sketchers school. We will learn how to use different tools to create different outcomes, how we can use line and shape tools to create a digital painting and compare the similarities and differences between iPad art and paintings.



## PE

This half term in PE we will be focusing on dance. We will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing. We will copy and repeat actions linking them together to make short dance phrases. We will perform and feedback on each others performances and use dance terminology to do so.