Science

During Science the children will learn to compare weather features thinking about how they change during Autumn and Winter. The children will monitor the weather each day and think about how the day length changes and discuss why this happens. They will monitor how weather features change and the changes we need to make to our clothes and lifestyle in the Autumn and Winter months. The children will also start to explore how our climate is changing.

The Arts and Computing (Art, DT, Music and Computing)

During Computing, the children will use Purple Mash to learn about how we can use computers to collect and sort data. The children will be finding out how their friends come to school and recording this data on the computer. The children will also use the computer to design their own calendar that they will take home at the end of the half term.

During D&T the children will be designing and creating their own mini seasonal shaped pizza. The children will design their pizza, thinking about the shape and toppings they would like. The children will learn how to chop, peel and grate safely. Alternatives will be offered to children who have allergies.

Humanities (Geography, History and RE)

Our History topic this half term is 'The invention of Photography.' Children will learn about why historians use photographs and will begin to develop their skill of using sources to answer historical questions.

Our RE Big Question for this half term is 'What makes us Human?' The children are exploring how Christians and Muslims celebrate and what makes people unique. The children will also be taking part in a Christmas Performance for Parents on **Tuesday 15th December** in the morning.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for all your support so far this year and for supporting the children with their reading. The children have adapted so well to the different routines and expectations in Year 1. We are so proud of them all.

This half term the children will be working on the Science topic '**Changes and Patterns'**. During this topic the children will be exploring different changes in our environment, the weather and the patterns these can make. As the weather gets colder please encourage your child to practise doing up their own coats and putting on their own gloves.

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Ways to support your child's learning at home.

- Number bonds - Securing pairs of numbers that add up to a specific total within 10.
- Counting forwards and backwards to 100.
- Counting in 2s 5s and 10s
- 1 more and 1 less of numbers within 20.
- Number formation – See additional formation sheet for how we teach number formation in school.
- Letter formation – See additional formation sheet for how we form letters in school.
- Sharing the sounds and tricky words included in their Reading Book.

English

During English this half term, the children will learn the story of Leaf Man. This story describes an adventure the Leaf man goes on. The children will continue to work on the grammatical elements of a sentence. Children will be able to identify the subject, verb and noun in a sentence and use this to accurately write their own sentences. The children will retell the story then create their own version thinking of a different setting for the story. The children will also explore seasonal poems. They will learn the poems and begin to recite them with actions.

Reading continues to be a big priority in school and we would like to encourage children to share their reading and library book at home regularly. Children visit the library in school every week where they can select a new book.

The children are starting to learn new sounds in phonics, following the Little Wandle progression documents. Videos to support correct sound pronunciation can be found on the school website. Please ask your class teacher if you are unsure.

Maths

During Maths the children will continue to build on their number and counting skills to consolidate their understanding of numbers and how we use them. They will be exploring addition and subtraction including understanding a range of vocabulary to help them solve addition and subtraction calculations and word problems. They will be learning about Place Value of numbers to 20, thinking about the number of tens and ones in a number. This will help them to solve more complex calculations later on in the year.

The children will also build on their learning of 2D and 3D shapes. They will name the shapes and describe their properties.

Please support your children to count forwards and backwards to 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

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My 0-10 Number Formation

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Letter Formation- The black dot shows where the child must start when forming the letter. Letters are grouped into 'families' that contain similar motions to form the letters.

Long Letter Family



Curly Letter Family



Bouncy Letter Family



Zig Zag Letter Family



Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		

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