

Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will be reading a variety of stories, non-fiction texts and poems, exploring their features and the language used in them.

We will then be writing:

- Stories about toys
- Topic based writing to do with toy making. (Instructions, labels, posters/advertisements)
- Our own versions of the Christmas Story

We will follow Pie Corbett 'Talk for Writing' strategies to help us structure our pieces of writing.

Daily phonics work will continue to take place and we will be expecting the children to use the sounds they have learned to read and write.

We will continue to practise forming our letters correctly - and facing the right way. We will also be encouraging the children to put finger spaces between their words and making sure their writing sits neatly on the lines.

Reading is still very important. Please hear your child read at least three times a week and ask questions to ensure understanding of the text and story. Each reading book should be read twice.

Maths

In maths we will be:

- Practising mental addition including number bonds to 10 e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, $3+7=10$
- Adding using one digit numbers
- Subtraction using one digit numbers
- 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
- Using comparative language in measurement e.g. taller, shorter, heavier, lighter, earlier, later.
- Counting to and from 100.

PSHCE

Circle time - practising speaking and listening skills

We will also be using the story 'You are Special' by Max Lucado to explore different themes such as kindness, friendship and celebrating other people's differences.

Computing

We will be using IT skills to plan, design and create celebration cards using different programs.

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Geography

Later in the term we will be using geography skills to learn about directional language and important locations and maps of the United Kingdom (to help Father Christmas/Santa Claus with his deliveries).

Science

In science this half term, the whole school will be exploring the book 'Billy's Bucket' and using this as a jumping off point for different scientific investigations.

In Year 1 we will be faced with the starting problem of creating a bucket of suitable materials and then continuing on to how we could use our buckets to get a message to Father Christmas/ Santa Claus.

Music

The children will be focusing on their singing and performing skills this half term in preparation for the nativity.

History

In history we will be exploring how toys have changed over time and what children played with in the past.

RE

In RE we will be focussing on advent/the story of the Nativity and its significance to Christians.

PE

Please remember to send your child's PE kit to school with them on a **Monday**. It can be kept at school until the end of the half term. P.E will take place on a **Tuesday and Friday** for both classes.

Practising skills e.g. running, throwing, jumping, catching

- Learning dance routines/movements to different genres of music.
- balancing, agility, coordination

Art and Design

In Art with Mrs Palmer the children will be creating detailed paintings over time of their favourite toys.

Design and Technology

Exploring properties of materials and using this for project based construction with the classroom - this will be particularly focussed on planning, building and evaluating different toys.