



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024



All Different - All Equal



Year 1
Cedar and Hazel
Class



Mrs Malik, Miss Ramsay and the
Year 1 Team

Our topic this half term is
Why live in a house like
this?



English

This term, we will be writing a recount of a familiar event based on our recent trip to Skipton castle.

Our class text for this half term is 'Shampoozel' which we will use to write a learn by heart poem. We will continue working hard on our letter formation and handwriting as well as using our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



Maths

This half term, we will start working on addition and subtraction within 10 and 20 using a range of equipment and methods.

We will begin counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and doubling numbers. We will also continue consolidating one more and one less.



History/Geography

Our big question is still 'Why live in a house like this?' We will be focusing on the history of different castles and learning all about the different reasons for castle features, to help us to answer our big question.



Science

Our area of focus this half term is learning about day and night and the four seasons. We will be discussing the different types of weather by making our own weather station to use all year round.

PE - (Please come in PE Kits on Monday and Thursday).

In PE, we will be learning basic skills to help us run, jump and throw. Alongside this, we will be learning gymnastics to help improve our co-ordination, balance and agility.

Art In Art, we will be printing castles inspired by the work of Paul Klee. We will also be making some Christmas cards and decorations for our Christmas tree festival.



RE

Our big question this half term is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. We will be learning the Christmas story through drama and sequencing.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be focusing on relationships and family. We will be exploring differences and similarities between ourselves and others- celebrating our individuality. Our big question is 'Who is special to us?'

Music

Our focus within Music will be rhythm. We will be exploring rhythm in the way we walk while singing along to Banana Rap.



Computing

Within Computing, we will be using our knowledge of technology to create digital media paintings linked to our topic.

French

In French, we will be learning to say Merry Christmas.

Homework

Our weekly homework will be spellings and learn by hearts which will be sent every Wednesday to be learnt for the following week. Please use the hexagons in your homework book to create another piece on the theme 'Who lives in a place like this?'. This is due on Monday 9th December. Please try to create something different to what you have brought in previously. E.g. if you made a model, try to do some artwork or writing.

Reading

Please keep reading anything and everything as well as your school reading book. In school, we will listen to your child read at least once a week. We would be grateful if you could read with your child at home as often as possible. **Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record are in school every day.**

Important Notice

Please only send your child into school with water to drink; this must be in a clear water bottle and ensure all clothing is named.