

Our theme for Autumn 1 is:



This half term we will be discovering the world around us! We will be learning about maps and exploring our local area. We will also explore Islam, focussing on what Muslims believe and how they worship. We will be learning about different plants and the basic structure. We will also be learning about Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Our theme will last for:

4 weeks

Phonics

We will continue with phonics throughout this half term, please see our weekly communication sheet for specific sounds each week. The children will continue to:

- Choose the correct graphemes to spell a word – *say the word, segment the word, write the word.*
- Apply sounds to read – *look at the letters, make the sounds, blend the sounds together.*
- Read and spell high frequency words correctly.



English



Our reading and writing will continue to focus on securing our understanding of the rules of spelling and grammar. The children will:

- Ensure finger spaces, full stops and capital letters are used correctly.
- Use exclamation marks.
- Understand how to form a sentence that makes sense.
- Begin to use *and* to join sentences and words in a list.
- Begin to use *because* to extend sentences.
- Use the suffixes -s and -es to form plurals.
- Begin to form the past tense correctly.
- Learn to read and spell tricky words – water, where, were, there, they, oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, looked, called, who, again, could, asked, thought, through
- The children will be writing non-fiction narratives focusing on different spring festivals.

Children will take part in Guided Reading, Book Talk and individual reading sessions to further improve reading skills, specifically focussing on comprehension skills.

Our Book Talk books

King and King by Linda de Haan



What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers



The Queens Nose by Dick King Smith






Please ensure your child's reading book and reading record are in their book bag every day.

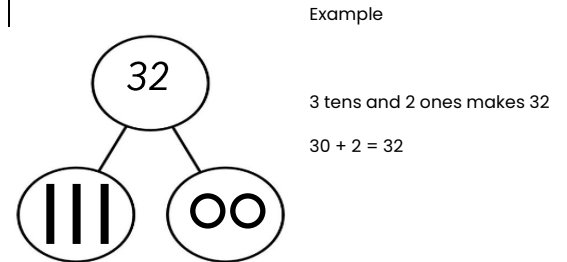
Mathematics

This half term we will be learning about place value to 50. We will be using dienes and jottings to support our number knowledge. We will be partitioning numbers within 50 into tens and ones (see below). We will be counting forwards and backwards, ordering and comparing amounts in addition to problem solving.

Place value

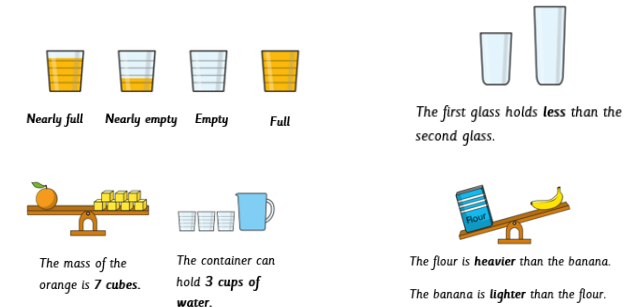
Dienes -  = 1  = 10

Jottings -  = 1  = 10



Measurement: Mass and volume.

We will also be learning about mass and volume. Please see some examples below from our measurement knowledge organiser which can also be found on the Year 1 page or the Maths page.







Nearly full Nearly empty Empty Full

The first glass holds **less** than the second glass.

The mass of the orange is **7** cubes. The container can hold **3** cups of water.

The flour is **heavier** than the banana. The banana is **lighter** than the flour.

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<p><u>P.S.H.E.</u></p> <p>Through our weekly PSHE and RSHE sessions, we will be learning:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do rules and conventions help us to feel happy & safe? • How do we take part in making rules? • Who looks after us and what are their responsibilities? • What jobs and responsibilities do we have in school and at home? • Can we listen to other people, share our views and take turns? • Can we take part in discussions and decisions in class? <p>During our R.E. lessons we will be learning about Islam and Easter. We will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Salvation) • Who is a Muslim and how do they live? (God/Tawhid/ibadah/iman) • The prophet Muhammed – stories about his life and about other prophets. • How and where do Muslims worship? • Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims? 	<p><u>Music</u></p>  <p>This half term the children will learn about timbre and rhythmic patterns.</p> <p>Through fairy tales, children are introduced to the concept of timbre; learning that different sounds can represent characters and key moments in a story. They explore clapping along to the syllables of words and phrases before creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairy tale.</p> <p><u>Geography</u></p>  <p>This half term the children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. • Learn about the capital cities. • Learn about the surrounding seas. 	<p><u>Art</u></p> <p>We will be focussing on relief printing, using clay. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know what relief printing is. • Know how to create a relief print. • Know that some materials are better for a desired effect. • Know that different lines can be used to create an effect. 
<p><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>We will be improving our speed, agility and quickness as well as learning basic skills for netball and basketball. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to move with control and care. • Be able to throw in different ways (two handed throws). • Be able to follow the rules of a simple game. • Be able to travel with a ball showing some level of control. • Be able to describe how our body feels before, during and after activity. <p>The children will also be learning about team work. What this looks like and how it is important.</p>	<p><u>History</u></p> <p>We will be learning about Queen Victoria this half term. We will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name significant people in history. • Know that significant people in the past have contributed to national and global achievements. • Know historical vocabulary to explain key events. • Know some similarities with Queen Elizabeth II. • Know some differences with Queen Elizabeth II. 	<p><u>Design and Technology</u></p> <p>We will be creating a windmill using mechanisms. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that the shape of materials can be changed to improve the strength and stiffness of structures. • Understand that cylinders are a strong type of structure. • Understand that axles are used in structures and mechanisms to make parts turn in a circle. • Begin to understand that different structures are used for different purposes. • Know that a structure is something that has been made and put together.

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Science

We will be looking at plants and their structure. The children will:

- Recognise and name a variety of common wild and garden plants.
- Understand the terms deciduous and evergreen in terms of trees.
- Understand the basic structure of flowering plants, including trees.
- Know the names of the parts of flowering plants.

Computing

During this half term we will be looking at data and grouping information.

Exploring object labels, then using them to sort and group objects by properties.



Learning Logs will be sent home at the beginning of the half term. These will contain a number of activities relating to learning which has taken place in class recently. This will enable children to share what they have learnt at school with adults at home and to show their learning in a variety of creative ways.

Please also take the time to read with your child each day. Research shows children who read regularly at home perform better in all areas of the curriculum.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Reading Open Sessions which will continue to take place this half term.

These will be 20 minutes sessions where you can come into your child's class and listen to them read.

We hope you will join us if you are able.

The sessions will take place on **Wednesdays** from 2:50 – 3:10.

Next term, we will choose a different day to try and accommodate as many parents and carers as possible.



Key Dates for this half term:

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – school is closed for Teacher Training Day

