

This exciting half term, is filled with lots of celebrations and of course, learning!

We will continue learning about what it means to belong to a faith community in RE. We will also be beginning some new units of learning in Geography, Science, Computing, PE and Music. We will also have an Arts Week. Towards the end of the half term, we will be learning some Christmas songs and our class assemblies will begin!

The half term will last for:  
8 weeks.

### Phonics

We will continue with phonics throughout this half term. 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 common exception words correctly.

### English



Our reading and writing will 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.
- Understand how to form a sentence that makes sense.
- Use *and* to join sentences and words in a list.
- Use adjectives to add more description to our writing.
- Learn to read and spell Year 1 common exception words.

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

*The girl who stole the stars* by Corrina Campbell  
*Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems



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

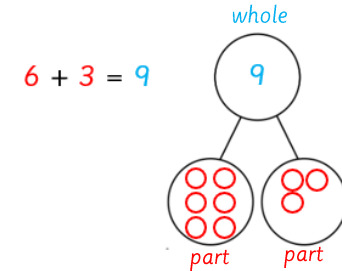
### Mathematics



This half term we will solve addition and subtraction calculations, working on numbers to 10. We will also apply our number knowledge to solve word problems. We will also be learning about place value within 20.

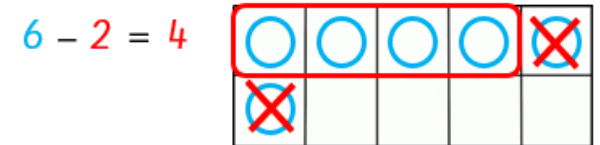
### Addition

- Mantra – *a part plus a part equals a whole.*

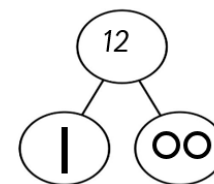
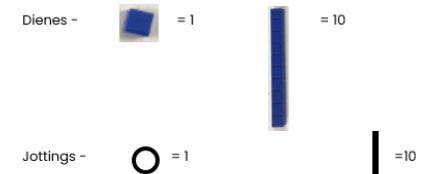


### Subtraction

- Mantra – *a whole subtract a part equals a part.*



### Place value within 20



Example  
1 ten and 2 ones make 12  
 $10 + 2 = 12$

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### Personal Development

Through our weekly Personal Development sessions, we will be learning about emotions:

- What am I good at and what is special about me?
- How can I stand up for myself?
- Can I name some different feelings?
- Can I describe situations in which I might feel happy, sad, cross etc?
- How do my feelings and actions affect others?
- How do I manage some of my emotions and associated behaviours?
- What are the different ways people might relax and what helps me to feel relaxed?
- Who do I share my feelings with?



We will also be learning:

- To describe what their bodies can do.
- Understand that they have a responsibility for their body's actions and that their body belongs to them.

### Music

This half term the children will learn about Pulse and Rhythm. They will

learn:

- To demonstrate an understanding of pulse using parts of the body.
- To keep a pulse and show a sound pattern using their bodies and voices.
- To explore using a thinking voice to show the pulse.
- To play short rhythms in time with the pulse.
- To demonstrate an understanding of pulse through performance.



### Geography/Science

This half term the children will learn about seasons and weather. They will:

- Identify different types of weather from observations.
- Use different equipment to measure the weather in the school grounds.
- Know the 4 seasons and explain the main changes.
- Can think like a geographer in the school grounds to notice, locate and explore signs of Autumn.
- Create a simple map showing how different areas of the school grounds change in Autumn.
- Explore how people celebrate and experience Autumn in our community.



### Science

This half term we will begin our unit on Materials. We will be learning:

- Which materials objects are made from and how we can describe their texture.
- How we can describe the following materials and their use: rock, wood, plastic, metal.
- Objects can be made from different materials depending on what they are used for.
- Melting and freezing water.
- Floating and sinking.
- Which materials absorb water.
- Understanding and investigating the terms: opaque and transparent.
- Investigating which material would be best for a pair of curtains.

### Computing

During this half term the children will learn about:

Pictograms

- To understand that data can be represented in picture format.
- To contribute to a class pictogram.
- To use a pictogram to record the results of an experiment.

Lego builders:

- To emphasise the importance of following instructions.
- To follow and create simple instructions on the computer.
- To consider how the order of instructions affects the result.

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### P.E.

#### Sending and receiving

- To develop rolling and throwing a ball towards a target.
- To develop receiving a rolling ball and tracking skills.
- To be able to send and receive a ball with feet.
- To develop throwing and catching skills over a short distance.
- To develop throwing and catching over a longer distance.
- To apply sending and receiving skills to small games.

#### Target games

- To develop throwing towards a target.
- To develop throwing for accuracy.
- To develop underarm and overarm throwing at a target.
- To develop throwing for accuracy and distance using underarm and overarm.
- To select the correct throw for the target.
- To develop throwing for accuracy and distance.

### History

We will be learning about Remembrance Day this half term. We will be able to:

- Name the significant event
- Know why we remember the significant event.
- Know key dates.
- Take part in a 2-minute silence.

### R.E.

During our R.E. lessons we will be continuing to learn about what it means to belong to a faith community. The children will learn:

- How Christians and Muslims welcome a new baby.
- How some people show they belong to one and other.
- What matters about being in a community?



Homework books 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 **Fridays** from 8:50 to 9:10.

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:

Monday 28th October – Teacher Day

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day



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Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Monday 25th November – Arts Week begins.

Thursday 12th December – Year 1 Christmas Disco

Friday 13th December – Year 1 Christmas Party and Christmas Jumper Day.

Wednesday 18th December – Trip to see the pantomime

Friday 20th December – Church Visit and End of Term