

## Mathematics

Children will follow four units this term:

- **Oral and Mental calculation** – Recite ordinal numbers to 10 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc.) Describe position, direction and movement (full turn, half turn, forwards, backwards)
- **Number and Place value** – Solve addition and subtraction problems within 10 using practical resources. Learn about place value by partitioning numbers into 10's and 1's. Continue understanding of number bonds to 10 by solving missing number problems (e.g.  $6 + ? = 10$ ).
- **Money** – We will continue to consolidate our understanding of money by adding coins to make 10p and solving practical money problems.
- **Measuring** – measure length and height using non-standard units (e.g. cubes/hands) and record measurement.

**Home Learning ideas:** Continue to encourage children to pay using coins. Encourage the children to measure things around the house using, for example, hand spans. Next term we will be learning about time so please draw children's attention to the key times of the day.

## PE

Our focus for indoor PE this term is dance and we will continue multi-skills in outdoor PE. The children will continue to develop their co-ordination skills. **Outdoor PE is on a Tuesday. Indoor PE is on a Wednesday.**

**Home Learning ideas:** activities which develop balance and co-ordination such as bike riding.

## Computing

We continue to find and use simple programmes. We will practise saving and printing work. We will develop typing skills such as typing using two hands. We will start to learn some programming skills using the iPads.

## Reminder

Please ensure that children have wellies and waterproof clothing in school as we like to go outside in all weathers (spare socks would also be useful!).

# Year 1, Term 2

## Starry Nights

### Theme – Starry Nights

During this term, the children will develop their enquiry skills by learning about day and night, nocturnal animals and the solar system. We will teach Science, History, Music, R.E. and Art through this theme.

In **History**, we will learn about the story of Guy Fawkes.

In **Science** - The children will explore what happens in the world around them, including day length, as the seasons change. They will learn about nocturnal animals and discuss how day and night come about.

In **Art** we will make pictures inspired by the magic of night time.

In **Music** we will be learning to sing with a particular focus on our Nativity performance.

In **R.E.** we will be learning about Christianity and Christian celebrations.

**Home Learning ideas:** Encourage the children to be aware of daylight and time changes and find out about nocturnal animals.

## Our value this term is:

### Independence

We will focus on developing self-confidence and trying new things.

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education (SMSC) and RE

This term we will focus on resilience and building the confidence of others by supporting our friends. We will learn about Christian celebrations and discuss our own beliefs with a particular focus on respecting other people's views.

## English

This term we will focus on:

- Speaking and Listening skills – group and class discussions about the world around us, including the Solar System.
- Listening and responding to film clips and stories including 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'.
- Writing our own creative stories and factual posters.

We will continue to focus on careful letter formation and finger spaces. We will work on sentence structure and punctuation as well as creative writing skills.

**Home Learning ideas:** Read poetry inspired by big events such as Fireworks Night. Encourage children to ask and answer questions when reading in order to develop listening and comprehension skills.

## Phonics

Phonics will be taught daily to support reading, writing and spelling. We will be revising the 44 initial phonemes which can be found on the 'Letters and Sounds' website.

**Home Learning:** look out for the phonemes covered in the reading books (e.g. air, ear etc.). Continue to explore the ictgames website.

## Wow Events!

Film and Drama week: **6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November**.  
Visiting the woods to listen to a story in the 'twilight'.  
Having a campfire!  
We will produce some collaborative art-work with Year 5.  
We will also perform our Nativity play (see dates below).

## Save the Date:

Bring Your Dad to School' (or significant male) day:  
**17<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10:30am**.

Parent consultations: **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Nativity performance: **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am** (adults and toddlers), **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm** (adults only). **Please note:** no more than 3 tickets per family.