

# Half Termly Curriculum Information Newsletter

Year Group: Year 1  
Term: Autumn 2

## Subjects taught this half term:

**Science:** Seasonal changes

**Music:** Singing and appraising

**PE:** Dance

**RE:** Who is a Christian and what do they believe?

**PHSE:** Celebrating Difference

**History:** Investigating the lives of significant individuals

**Computing:** Improving Mouse Skills

## Autumn 2 Term in Year 1

All pupils have settled in well into Year 1 and we are eager to continue our exciting learning journey with them this half term. We will be building on our knowledge from Autumn 1 and we have lots of new knowledge nuggets to learn. We look forward to welcoming all parents/carers into school to share our current learning and to celebrate some of our Christmas events with us in December.

Thank you,  
Mrs Lynch, Mrs Holleran and Mrs Harrison

## Home Learning

### Reading Books:

Please make sure your child reads their school reading book at least 5 times a week for at least 15 minutes. In addition, children could read a book from home, a library book, a comic book - whatever will support their love of reading. We would love to hear about any extra reading your child has enjoyed. Some children in Y2 may have a phonically decodable Little Wandle Book which they will receive after their reading practice group. They will keep this book for a week. Some children will receive a book from the school scheme which will be changed once it has been read. Even if your child seems to be a fluent reader, please support your child by sharing or discussing their book with them. Please sign your child's reading record to show that they have read - children will receive prizes in school for regular home reading.

### Project Books:

Please support your child to complete activities linked to their current learning in their project book. Listed inside, there will be lots of ideas for ways that your child can showcase their extra learning. Please send Projects back into school on the last Friday of each half term. We will then celebrate their incredible efforts in a special assembly.

### Additional ways to support your child's learning:

**Phonics packs:** Children will bring home key words and tricky words to Practise reading at home.

## Useful Websites

[For parents | Letters and Sounds  
\(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

[PhonicsPlay](https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[Year 1 Year 1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/year1/maths)

## Enrichment Curriculum Class visits, visitors and special events

- Maths Breakfast & workshop
- Anti-bullying Week & Children in Need
- Class visit
- Freddie Fit
- Christmas pantomime
- Christmas bauble decorating
- Christingle

## National Curriculum core subjects.

**English:** This half term, we will be basing our writing on the books 'The Way Back Home' (Oliver Jeffers) and 'Robot Rumpus' (Sean Taylor).

We will learn to:

- Sequence events and identify repetitive phrases.
- Write sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Add the suffix 'ing' to root words.
- Apply phonic knowledge when spelling words.
  - Write 'l' correctly as a capital letter.

### Maths: Addition & Subtraction and Shape

We will be learning to:

- Use part-whole models
- Write number sentences
- Create fact families
- Recognise number bonds to 10
- Add together
- Add more
- Answer addition problems
- Subtract by finding a part
- Subtract by taking away
- Subtract on a number line
- Recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes
- Create patterns with 2D and 3D shapes

### Computing: Improving Mouse Skills

- A laptop has a keyboard and a touchpad.
- A touchpad and mouse can click and select.
- The power button turns on a laptop.



### Golden Knowledge Nuggets

Key Knowledge to take away

**Music:** Singing and appraising

- Sing a song practising range.
- Appraising songs related to our learning focusing on pitch and pulse.

**RE: Who is a Christian and what do they believe?**

- Christians belong to the religion of Christianity.
- Most Christians believe in one God.
- Most Christians believe the Bible is their holy book.
- The Bible is a collection of writing by many authors, divided into 2 parts. The 'Old Testament' and the 'New Testament'.
- Most Christians believe Jesus is the son of God.
- Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer.

**Science: Seasonal Changes**

- The four seasons are autumn, winter, spring and summer.
- In autumn, it is often wet and windy.
- In winter, it is often cold and sometimes snowy.
- In spring, it is often warm and wet.
- In summer, it is often warm and sunny.

**History: Did Neil Armstrong or Christopher Columbus change anything for the future?**

- Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon in 1969.
- Neil Armstrong travelled into space on the rocket called Apollo 11.
- Christopher Columbus was a famous explorer.
- Christopher Columbus sailed around the world on ships called: The Pinta, The Nina and the Santa Maria.
- Christopher Columbus found 'The New World'.

**PE: Dance**

- To perform basic body actions.
- To use whole and different body parts.
- To begin to show rhythm, expression and creativity.
- To perform dances using simple movements.

**PHSE: Celebrating Difference**

I will learn about:

- Similarities between myself and others in my class.
- Differences between myself and people in my class.
- Bullying and how it might feel.
- Who to talk to if I need help.
- Strategies to make friends.

**Display - Learning Outcomes**

This term, we will add our story retelling to our pictures of transport. We will then make our own robots to display our robot writing.