



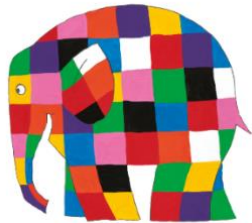
Year 1



What is my child learning next half term?

Literacy

The children will continue to work hard with their phonics and reading, learning new sounds and how to read them in familiar and unfamiliar words. They will be using stories such as 'Super Duper You' and 'Elmer' to continue thinking about what makes them special and unique.



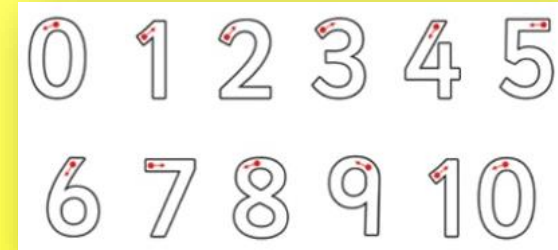
As we learn more about Autumn, the children will use 'The Growing Story' to learn about seasonal changes and how they can tell that they grow too. We will also be introducing a story called 'Almost Anything' to help the children learn about trying new things and practising new skills as part of our 'resilience' work in school.

Science

We will begin to explore what things are made of, learning to identify and name a variety of everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, rock and fabric. This will help us in our Toys history topic as we consider what toys were and are made from. We will also continue to observe the changes taking place as Autumn turns to Winter.

Maths

The children will use the Numicon shapes to learn how to add and subtract accurately within 10 before moving on to adding and subtracting within 20. They will begin to use the +, - and = symbols to write number sentences, using equipment to represent their work. Throughout the half term, we will also focus on number formation and ordering numbers correctly.



PE (Physical Education)

We will continue to learn how to use spaces safely and about what happens to our bodies when we warm up. We will learn skills based around gymnastics, including balances and stretches. Ask your children to demonstrate some of their balances and stretches at home and maybe have a go yourself!

RE

The children will be taking part in a range of activities to help them begin to answer the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'.

They will explore the story of the First Nativity, and begin to make links with Advent (preparing for Christmas) and the idea of thankfulness – suggesting why Christians are thankful at Christmas and to consider the things they themselves are thankful for.



PSHE

Our topic this half term is 'Keeping Safe and Managing Risk'. We will be talking about how to be safe in familiar situations, how to talk to trusted adults about things they are worried about and how to ask for help.

We will also be introducing Pantosaurus – a fun character from the NSPCC 'Talking PANTS' campaign that teaches children important messages such as that their body belongs to them and that they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried.



Topic

Our topic for the whole term is called 'Magnificent Me!' So far we have really enjoyed exploring our senses with a taste and smell test, a hearing walk and feeling things with our feet! We have also been learning about Autumn and the changes that happen in this season.

We will continue our learning with a History topic called 'Toys Past and Present'. We will explore the history of toys as the children think about and discuss their favourite toys and then go on to look at what toys were like in the past and how they are different to toys today. Please talk to your child about the toys you played with (and find a picture to show them on the internet) and help them to ask their grandparents about the toys they played with too.



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please let me know.

Thanks again,
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