



# Year 1

## What is my child learning this half term?

### Literacy

The children will continue to work hard to learn new sounds and read more challenging words and sentences . We will focus on writing accurate words and sentences , using phonic knowledge to sound out new words.

Your children will soon begin to bring reading books home to practise. Please do take the time to listen to them read and talk to them about their story. The children will also really benefit from sharing other stories with you as well. Please do speak to us if you would like to borrow extra books from the school library.

### Maths

The children in Mrs Cuthbert's group will be working on number bonds to 20 and beyond. They will continue to work on addition and subtraction within 20 and work to become more fluent with their 2x, 5x and 10x times tables.

The children in Miss Holloway's group will be working on number bonds to 10, using addition and subtraction to solve 1-step problems and learning to count in 2s and 10s.

### Science

We will continue our topic 'Animal Antics' in which we will explore the variety of animals living on the earth, compare the structure of animals' bodies to group them and learn about the differences in animals' diets and habits. As the half term progresses, ask your child if they can tell you about mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds.



### PSHE

Our topic this half term is 'Feelings'. We will be learning about different types of feelings and how different emotions can look and feel. We will also learn about how to manage different feelings and about how change and loss can feel.



## PE (Physical Education)

Our topic this half term is 'Throwing and Catching'. The children will learn to control a ball when they are rolling and bouncing, throwing and catching, on their own, with a partner and in a group. They will also learn to move in different ways, changing direction and speed quickly. They will learn to play some simple teams games, following rules, competing, and supporting each other to win.

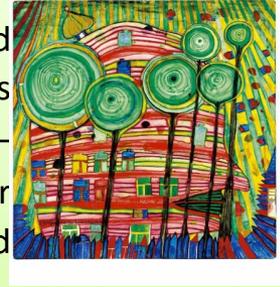


## RE

The children will be asked the question 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' They will learn to identify some of the key beliefs of Muslims through learning about the Shahadah - the Muslim statement of belief – and how Muslims put their beliefs about prayer into action.

## Art

In Art, we will study an artist called Hundertwasser – famous for his sculptures and art based on nature – and create our own 'Hundertwasser Gardens' using oil pastels, paints and collage techniques.



## Computing

We will be exploring the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. The children will create their own paintings on the iPad, while getting inspiration from a range of artists.

*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.*

*Thanks again,  
Miss Holloway and Mrs Cuthbert*