



Year 1



What is my child learning this 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. We will be using the story **Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go** to explore our work on seasons and the story **Cops and Robbers** – a story about a plot to steal Christmas presents!

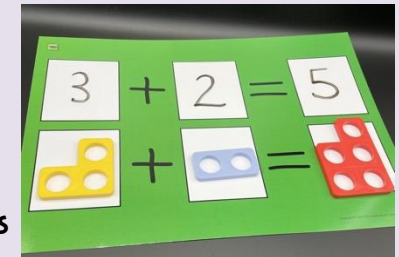
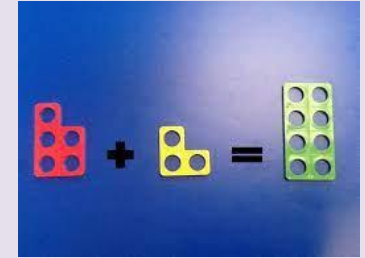
Our grammar focus this half term is to consistently use capital letters at the beginnings of sentences and full stops at the end.

Why not look out for these words when you read with your child at home?

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.



Science

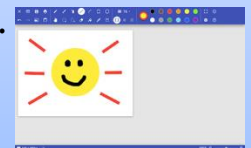
This half term the children will focus on observing the changes across the four seasons. They will describe the types of weather associated with each season and notice how day length varies.

They will take part in a regular 'weather forecast' to inform the classes on the appropriate clothing for that season.



Computing

This half term we will explore the world of **digital art** and its exciting range of creative tools. The pupils will create their own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists. We will be using the website [paintz.app](https://www.paintz.app/) on the iPad to create our paintings.



Geography

The children in Year 1 will be learning about the seven continents and five oceans and will locate them on a world map. They will begin to understand where the hot and cold regions of the world are, the Equator and the North and South Poles. They will also identify the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding areas.



RE and Collective Worship

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.



PE (Physical Education)

The children in 1C will be learning some skills in the game of Handball. They will improve their ability to move speedily and change direction as well as throwing and catching a ball. Their lessons will be outside as much as possible so please make sure they wear trainers and bring coats to school.

The children in 1K will be doing gymnastics. This will be in the hall and will help the children learn how to connect shapes, balances and movements in a sequence.



P\$HE

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.



Pantomime!



The pantomime is coming to school! The children in Year 1 will be watching 'Robin Hood' on Friday 5th December at school.

We will also be visiting Slung Low Theatre to see a Christmas performance.

We really appreciate all your support, especially with the children's, reading homework. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us or email us year1@bsl.leeds.sch.uk. Thank you, Mrs Kerry and Mr Lucas