



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

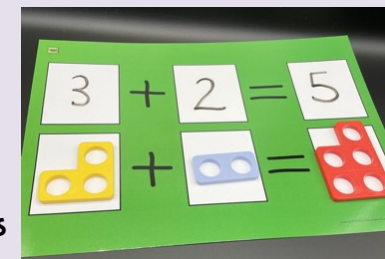
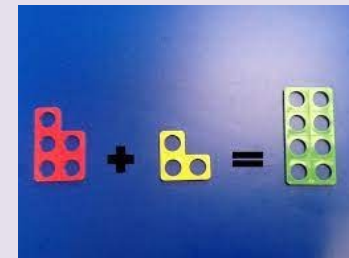
The children will continue to work hard with their phonics and reading, learning new sounds and how to read them in familiar and unfamiliar words. We will be using the story **Tree: Seasons: Come, Seasons: Go** to explore our work on seasons and the story **Cops and Robbers** – a story about a plot to 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. We will also explore how the words **and**, **but**, and **so** are used in sentences to connect ideas. Why not look out for these words when you read with your child at home?

Maths

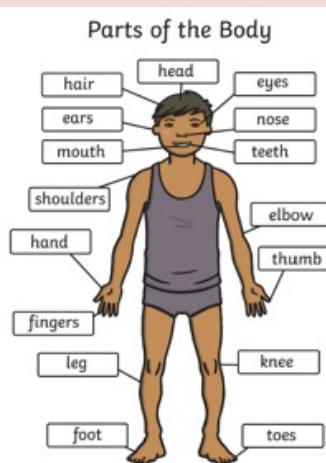
The children will use the Numicon shapes to learn how to add and subtract accurately within 10 before moving on to adding and subtracting within 20. They will begin to use the +, - and = symbols to write number sentences, using equipment to represent their work.

Throughout the half term, we will also focus on number formation and ordering numbers correctly.



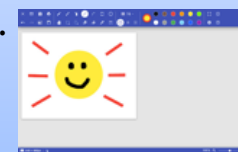
Science

We continue to explore how we use our **Senses** to understand the world around us. We have experienced our sense of hearing, touch and taste; this half term we will be testing our sense of smell and our sense of sight. Please keep talking to your children about what they can see, hear, smell, taste and feel every day, as well as practising naming the different parts of the body. We will also continue to observe the changes of Autumn as it turns to Winter.



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 on the iPad to create our paintings.



Music

The children in 1C have had a half term of music lessons with Sophie (our specialist music teacher). This half term, 1K will get their turn! The children will be exploring rhythm and pitch as well as creating their own pieces using a range of instruments.

History



The children in Year 1 enjoyed learning about Workhouses. One of the things they learnt was that children and adults in a workhouse were looked after by nurses – but they weren't like the nurses we have today!



This half term we will be learning about **Nursing** and how it has changed. The children will learn about some significant nurses – Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole – finding out what hospitals were like and how these amazing women changed nursing forever.

PE (Physical Education)

The children in **1C** will be learning all about **games**. They will learn a range of playground games and team games, learning to follow rules and use different equipment. 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 how to connect shapes, balances and movements in a sequence.



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.



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.



Pantomime!



The pantomime is coming to school! The children in Year 1 will be watching 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Friday 8th December at school.

Stockeld Park

Year 1 will be visiting Stockeld Park on the 29th November. If you haven't received a letter about it, please let us know.

