



Year 1

What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

We will be using the story **Stanley's Stick** by John Hegley which is about the power of imagination in play. We will also read **Everyday Materials** to learn about the features of non-fiction texts such as titles, captions and bullet points.



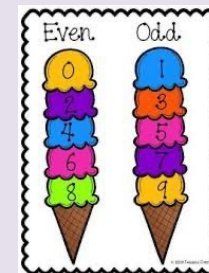
Our grammar focus this half term will be:

- capital letter for names – e.g. **George**, **Sophie**, **Leeds**,
- Statement sentences – *There is a bird in the tree.*
- Command sentence – *Go and collect your bookbag*
- Question sentences – *What did you have for dinner?*
- Exclamation sentences – *It's snowing!*

When reading at home, can you and your child identify these sentence types?

Maths

The children in Mrs Cuthberts' group will be learning about reasoning – being able to explain how they have used numbers. They will also learn about odd and even numbers, exploring number lines and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.



The children in Mrs Kerry's group will be developing their recall of addition and subtraction facts within 10 and will be exploring the structure of 2-digit numbers to identify the number of tens and ones in a number. They will also be learning how to measure weight and capacity, comparing and ordering the data.



Science

We will be returning to our topic on Everyday Materials to consolidate knowledge about what objects are made from (metal, plastic, wood etc). We will then begin exploring the properties of materials to describe how a material might be suitable or unsuitable for different purposes.

Please could you help your child to identify objects at home that can bend, stretch, be squashed or are waterproof?



**A chair made out of bricks!
Is this suitable or unsuitable?**

Key vocabulary

- Bend
- Stretch
- Rip
- Waterproof
- Squash
- Properties
- Suitable
- Unsuitable

Computing

This half term pupils will gain an understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and change text. Pupils will familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard and begin using tools to change the look of their writing. They will consider the differences between using a computer and writing on paper to create text.



Geography

Our topic this half term is '**Where we live.**' The children will learn about the location of the UK on a world map, They will then learn a range of vocabulary such as climate, landscape, and capital city in order to begin to understand geographical terms. They will take part in a range of activities to help them measure weather, describe their local environment and to use a map with directional language using compass points.

Key vocabulary

North	Capital City
South	Location
East	Climate
West	Temperature



PE (Physical Education)

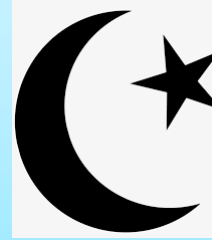
The children in **1C** will be doing a **tennis** topic. They will learn to send and receive a ball using their hands before moving on to familiarising themselves with a racquet. They will learn to place themselves in the path of an oncoming ball in order to stop it and send it back.

The children in **1K** will be doing **athletics**. They will practise underarm and overarm throwing, thinking about improving the distance and accuracy of their throw. They will work on their running and jumping techniques and practise good sportsmanship in competitive situations.



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.



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. We will learn ways to find help with our feelings and how to help others.



We really appreciate all your support, especially with 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 Mrs Cuthbert