



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 be collecting sticks when we go on our trip to Harewood House and see where our imaginations take us! We will also be reading **Mr Magnolia**, a rhyming book by Quentin Blake.



Our grammar focus this half term will be to revise the topics we have learnt so far, such as:

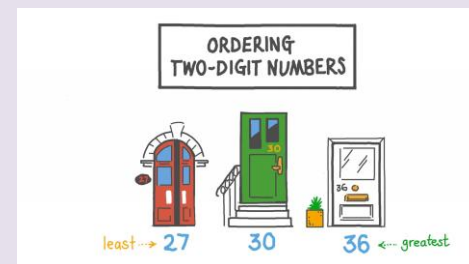
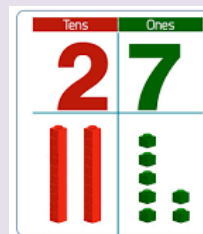
- capital letter for names – e.g. **George**, **Sophie**, **Leeds**,
- Statement sentences – *There is a bird in the tree.*
- Command sentence – *Go and collect your bookbag*
- Question sentences – *What did you have for dinner?*
- Exclamation sentences – *It's snowing!*

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

Maths

This half term the children will continue to develop their recall of adding and subtracting facts within 10 – for example, $7 + 2 = 9$ or $6 - 5 = 1$. This will help the children to build up speedy recall of facts which will help them with more difficult calculations in Year 2.

We will also be exploring the structure of 2-digit numbers, recognising how many tens and how many ones there are, as well as using number lines to become more accurate with ordering numbers.



Science

Our topic this half term is **Animals**. The children will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also learn the difference between carnivores (meat-eaters), herbivores (plant-eaters) and omnivores (eats both meat and plants). How many animals can your child name?



- fish
- mammals
- amphibians
- reptiles
- birds
- carnivores
- herbivores
- omnivores

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 describe their local environment and consider what an address can be used for.

Key vocabulary

North	Capital City
South	Location
East	London
West	Leeds
Beston	



PE (Physical Education)

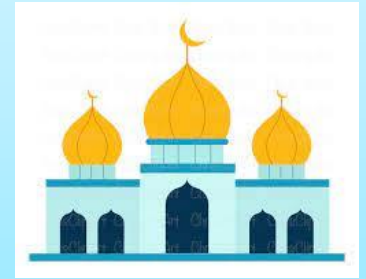
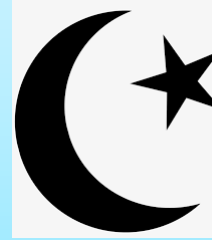
The children in **1BH** will be doing a **tennis** topic. They will learn to send and receive a ball using their hands before moving on to familiarising themselves with a racquet. They will learn to place themselves in the path of an oncoming ball in order to stop it and send it back.

The children in **1C** 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, Miss Chalders, Mrs Baraniak and Miss Holloway