

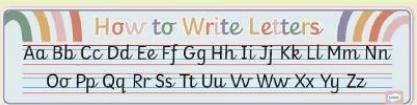


## What is my child learning this half term?

### Literacy

In the DEAR time story sessions this half term, the children share a range of texts which incorporate our 'Growing' theme, including 'Tree' which deals with the seasons, and 'Errol's Garden', concentrating on making a rooftop garden.

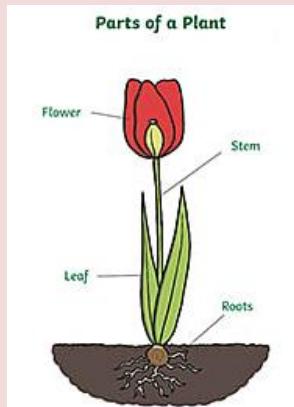
The children will write phrases and sentences from these stories, including capital letters, appropriate word spacing and full stops. They will continue to focus on developing the formation and sizing of letters during handwriting sessions. The children will practise spelling the common words for Year 1.



### Science

As the weather changes, we will begin to observe the way Spring arrives – we will be on the lookout for Spring flowers, buds on trees and bushes and warmer weather for playing outside!

We will also be learning about plants and trees. The children will name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees, and learn to name the parts of plants.

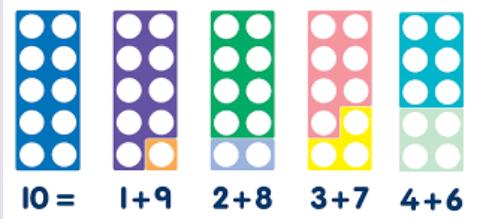


Plants  
Flowers  
Stem  
Leaf  
Roots  
Deciduous  
Evergreen  
Seed  
Bulb  
Bud

### Maths

The children in Mrs Kerry's group will continue to secure their foundational knowledge of maths; recognising and using Numicon shapes and rods, estimating and counting groups of objects accurately and relating these to the number line.

The children in Mr Lucas' Maths group will be making progress looking at grouping, number bonds to 10 and securing knowledge of odd and even numbers.



### Music

In Music, the children will consolidate their understanding of pitch and tempo through a variety of musical pieces. They will learn how to use their voices through a selection of original songs based on the theme of 'Growing'. They will learn to use Chime Bars to create their own sound.

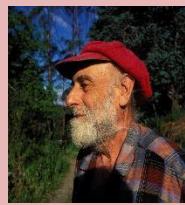


## Art

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

### Key vocabulary

colour	texture
lines	pattern
shapes	spirals
artist	collage



## PE (Physical Education)

The children in **1K** will be doing a **dance** topic called 'Animals in the Jungle'. They will learn to create, rehearse and perform a dance to 'I just can't wait to be king' from Disney's *The Lion King*. We're sure the children will show off their dance moves at home!

The children in **1L** will be doing **football**. They will learn how to master basic movements, control and pass a ball, and play a range of football-related activities. This will be outside as often as possible so they will need to wrap up warm!



## RE and Collective Worship

The children will look at the faith and practices of Jewish people. They will look at some Jewish artefacts that are used in homes and talk about 'Shabbat' – a special day of the week for Jewish people. The big question the children will be focussing on is 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?



## PSHE

Our topic this half term is all about **relationships**. The children will learn that they belong to different groups of people (family, class, school, faith, clubs etc) and that they have a role to play in each of these groups. We will learn what it means to collaborate and cooperate and who can help us in our community. We will celebrate the ways in which we are similar and different to one another and talk about who is special in our family. Please talk to your child about the different groups they belong to.



*We really appreciate all your support, especially with their reading homework. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us or email us [year1@bsl.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:year1@bsl.leeds.sch.uk). Thank you, Mrs Kerry and Mr Lucas*