

End of Autumn Term in Year 1

Welcome back to another busy half term in Year 1!

This half term we will be exploring the themes of 'Fairness and Change' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision. We will also be preparing for lots of different "celebrations" in school!

Fairness

Children will think about what fairness means to them and what they can do if they feel something is unfair.

Children will learn that fairness does not mean that everybody gets the same, but that everybody gets what they need and that we all have different needs as we are unique individuals. We believe that learning and applying the concept of fairness at an early age will build firm foundations for the development of empathy and sensitivity towards others.

Change

Children will think about the ways that their choices effect changes every day. They will learn about individuals who fought to change things when they saw the world as unfair. They will discuss things that they would like to change and share ideas about how they can make change happen. There will be opportunities for children to make changes through the school council. Children will be encouraged to embrace change and, in helping children to understand that they are powerful creators of their own world, we help them to develop self-esteem, confidence, independence and a sense of self-respect.

English

This half term we will start to think about the Autumn/Winter changes, write lists and speech bubbles linked to the story "Hog the Hedge" and then, as we prepare for Christmas, begin to write letters and recounts (simple retelling of an event/story/personal experience). Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences with full stops and will develop their use of adjectives to extend their sentences.

In phonics we will continue to re-visit the sounds taught in the EYFS and consolidate learning by applying them to our reading and writing.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on addition and subtraction, thinking about the "fact families" and inverse operations of addition and subtraction.

We will also look at 2d and 3d shapes, discussing their properties and characteristics, and then finish off our half term with a closer look at Place Value, focussing on numbers to 20.

See attached sheet for more details. We will be thinking about "Step 2" (Addition and Subtraction) this half term.

PSHE

We will focus on "fairness" and what it means to be fair. We will think about how different people perceive fairness, and then beginning to develop the skill of "empathy" within the classroom.

History

We will start by thinking about "chronology" and looking at our own time line, ordering photographs of ourselves and talking about how we have changed. We will then begin to think about "Toys" and how they have changed over time.

We will also look at the lives of significant individuals and talk about how they have contributed to a positive change.

Music

Our focus will be on rhythm and pitch, we will explore these through movement and percussion instruments. We will also use our voices expressively, learning new songs for our Christmas performance.

PE

This half term we will focus on multi-skills and gymnastics: PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please remove earrings on these days and ensure PE kits are in school.

RE

'Special Me and Special People to me' is our first RE topic. We'll consider people that are special to us before thinking about special people to Christian and Hindu families.