

**Year Group:** Year 1

**Teachers:** Miss Parkin, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Linstead

**English– Writing:**

This half term we will be continuing to focus on correct letter formation whilst working hard to become secure at sentence writing remembering to include: capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and Fred Talk.

We will be exploring the texts 'Man on the Moon', 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas'. Through these texts we will be creating diary entries, writing our own stories and creating a set of instructions to trap Santa!

**English– Reading:**

We will be continuing our daily phonics practice, helping our children to read confidently and speedily.

Please support your child by reading with them regularly. Don't forget to log these on Marvellous Me so that they can take part in the half termly reading treat!

**Maths**

We will be developing our understanding of number by exploring the part– whole relationship, comparing amounts and then exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Don't forget to log in and engage with Numbots regularly and keep an eye out for our competitions!

**Physical Education**

Our PE unit this half term is gymnastics. We will focus on how to keep ourselves safe during physical exercise and whilst moving equipment, how to perform a range of balances, jumps and rolls.

**Movers and Shakers**

In this unit we will explore a range of significant historical figures from our own locality and beyond!

We will learn about two significant explorers: Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We will learn about their voyages of discovery, especially relating to technological advancements. We will explore why they are significant and investigate the impact that they had on the world.



**PSHE**

In this Puzzle (unit) we will talk about the similarities and differences between people and learn about what makes us unique and special. The children learn what bullying is and what it isn't. They talk about how it might feel to be bullied and when and who to ask for help. The children talk about friendship, how to make friends and that it is OK to have differences from their friends.

**DT**

Our DT Topic will be Remarkable Recipes! This project teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. They also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. The children choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria. Ready, Steady, Cook!

**Computing**

In computing we will be creating media through digital painting. We will be choosing appropriate tools in a program to create art and making comparisons with working non-digitally.

**Science**

As scientists we will explore materials. We will rise to the challenge of fixing a torn umbrella, explore different materials and answer the questions: how can we know that this material will not let the rain through? We will then investigate the absorbency and waterproofing of materials.

**RE**

As theologians we will be exploring the question: How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times? You can support your child by talking about the different celebrations that are coming up. Why do we celebrate? What do celebrations look like?

**Music**

Our music unit this half term is Rhythm In The Way We Walk and Banana Rap which is focused around two songs: Rhythm In The Way We Walk (Reggae style) and The Banana Rap (Hip Hop style). You can help your child by listening to different styles of music, finding the pulse of the song and identifying the different instruments within the piece.