



Year 1

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful half term! There are lots of exciting things happening in the run up to the winter break including trips to Whittington Park and the library, anti-bullying week and learning the songs for the winter production! Below is some information on what your child will be learning throughout the half term and what our expectations for them are.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team

English - Writing

During this term, we will be continuing to focus more on the basic writing skills Year 1 children need to become a fluent writer. They will continue to focus on letter formation and spaces between words. They will write dictated sentences in order for them to practise their sounding out without having to think of their own sentences. They will also learn to compose their own simple sentences whilst being encouraged to write on the line, use a capital letter and put a full stop at the end of their sentence.

English - Reading

Learning to read is a priority for us at Duncombe. We follow the reading scheme, Read, Write, Inc. Children have been placed in a phonics group which matches their level so that they can learn what they need to at a pace that suits them. They will learn and review different new sounds every day. They will also learn how to decode and segment words. As children keep practising their sounds and books at home, they will become more fluent and confident with their reading. We always encourage a passion and love for reading therefore it is advised that you encourage children to read at home. Children must read for 15 minutes every day at home in order to progress.

Maths

In maths this term, we are looking closely at numbers 1-50. Children will become more confident with number and place value which will allow the children to count and add more confidently and efficiently. To do this we will use a mixture of concrete resources, pictures and number lines. Children will learn how to add, subtract and compare numbers from 1-50.

During maths week children will learn about how maths is everywhere and will focus on maths through art and create some pictures using shapes in the style of Alexander Girard.

Please continue to encourage your child to do their Doodle maths at home.

Science

During this half term, we will be learning all about animals, including humans. Children will be investigating different types of animals and what animals they already know. We will be doing lots of comparing and sorting in order to get a deeper understanding of animals what groups they belong to and what habitats they live in.



History

Our history topic this term is called 'Me and my Memories'. Children will study toys from the past and present and begin to compare them. They will talk about what they notice about traditional and modern toys and how they have changed. They will begin to explore what has happened over time to allow these changes to happen.



RE

This term we will be learning all about Christianity. The children will learn about what Christians believe, what artefacts they use during their religious times and what festivals they celebrate. The children will go on a trip to a local church so they can see where a Christian would worship.



P.E.

Children have PE on Tuesday afternoon with Ellis. All children must bring in their PE kit so that they can change at school. The children are becoming more independent but it would be helpful to practise this at home so that the children can do this without support from the adults. This term they are learning bat and ball games.



Music

The children have music on Tuesdays with Lena. They will be learning to play the chime bars and follow some simple notation. They will learn the songs ready for our musical extravaganza at the end of term, **Bethlehem Bake Off!**

Homework

Please find time to support your child with their homework. They will be given five spellings to learn every week. They will do a test in the back of their homework book so you can keep track of how they are doing.

They must also complete their tasks on Doodlemaths so that they can earn certificates in assembly.