

# Autumn Term Two, Year 1

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We all hope you had a lovely week and are well rested and ready to start the next half term.

Our overall school theme for this half term focuses on the question 'What makes Britain great?' Within Year 1, we will narrow our focus and explore which queen is supreme.

As always we have an open door policy and if you have any questions please speak to your class teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards  
Mrs Hughes

## We are reading...



## English

As we progress through our writing lessons we are going to continue to refine our skills on using full stops, capital letters and using the conjunction 'and'. As always, we will continue to expand our vocabulary so we can include interesting adjectives in our writing.

We showed some great learning of our phonics in the first half term and we will continue to build on this as we lead up to the Christmas break.

## Maths

In Maths, we will introduce the part whole model and use this as a method to show fact families for numbers up to 10. We will start to learn our number bonds and the importance of being systematic when exploring. Adding and subtracting numbers within 10 will also be key learning.

As we near the end of the half term, we will complete a unit on geometry looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

## Science

This half term, we will be leaning all about materials. We will learn what materials there are and all about their different properties.

We will conduct simple science experiments to test and compare different materials.

Through our investigations we will be able to group them based on similar and different properties.

## Important Dates

- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Inset day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct clubs start
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Fireworks after school
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Children in need-wear spots
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov-1<sup>st</sup> Dec book fair
- Clubs end w/c 8<sup>th</sup> Dec (except yoga)
- Yoga club ends after final session on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Victorian dress up day and tea party
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Rocksteady concert
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas lunch

## Geography/History

We will focus on history this half term and consider: which queen is supreme? We will learn what a monarch is and explore Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria. In doing so, we will also look at some of the awards that monarchs can give in recognition of individuals.

As part of our learning we will discover how toys, transport and schools have changed.

## Art/DT

This half term, we will be exploring food and where we get our food from. We will think about what makes a healthy meal and know that we should be having 5 fruit and veg as part of our daily diet.

Linked to our history focus on the Victorians, we will design and make our own Victorian food.

## Music

In Music this half term we will be exploring the unit 'All about me'. With our learning, we will look at rhythm and pulse.

We will also learn that a piece of music can have more than one section and are known as verse and chorus.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be celebrating differences! By the end of the unit, we will know people have similarities and differences. We will know that people are unique and it is ok to be different.

## Computing

We will be learning all about how to create digital media.

We will focus on using the painting tool and explore how we can use shapes and lines as well as making careful colour choices.

## PE

This half term in Year 1 we will be focusing on ball skills. Children will spend their sessions focusing on catching, stopping, blocking and tracking.