

# This half term KS1 are learning about: Once upon a time...

## English



### Year 1

Year 1 will be learning the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. They will decorate their own gingerbread friend and describe it using adjectives before retelling the story using adjectives. We will then look at writing instructions on how to make a gingerbread biscuit using adverbs.

### Year 2

Year 2 will be learning the wishing tale, 'Pinocchio' and writing recounts this half term. During this work, we will be focusing upon extending sentences with conjunctions (and, so, but, when, because) and focussing upon writing in the past tense.

## Maths



### Year 1

In Year 1, we will look at different positions such as 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> etc and identifying and naming 2D and 3D shapes and patterns. Before moving on to looking at numbers up to 20. We will be learning about numbers that are 10 and more, finding 1 more and 1 less within 20 and adding and subtracting numbers up to 20.

### Year 2

We will be securing our addition and subtraction methods with numbers up to 100 this half term and beginning to multiply and divide by 2, 5 and 10. Towards the end of this term, we will be learning the properties of 2D shapes.

## Science



### Year 1

Children will be identifying and naming different materials. They will look at everyday objects and identify which materials they are made from. They will begin to look at properties of these materials. In addition, they will be looking at sorting and grouping objects based on their material and properties.

### Year 2

Within this topic, the children think carefully about the material an object is made from and why. In addition to this, they will explore solid objects and how they can be altered by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

## History/Geography



Year 1 and 2 will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. During these sessions, they will also discover where and how the fire started, about how the materials used to make houses and homes back then contributed to the fire spreading so quickly and why Samuel Pepys is such a significant person.

In Geography, the children will be learning about the seasons, in particular the Autumn and Winter seasons. They children will keep a weather diary to identify the change in seasons.

## Design and Technology

In Year 1, we will be designing and creating stable structures, learning a variety of joins and using a range of materials to do this. In Year 2, we will be designing a product with a lever so that it has a moving part.

Across KSI, we will also be giving children the opportunity to create artwork linking to important times in the calendar, such as: Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

## PE

In Year 1 gymnastics, the children will be developing a range of ways to travel and jump and learning pike, tuck, star, straight and straddle shapes.

Year 2 will be learning and refining many moves in gymnastics, including a straight half turn jump, teddy bear roll and jumping from the springboard.

Year 2 will also be continuing their dance lessons where they are learning to travel and turn to a beat individually and in pairs.

## Computing

Year 2 have started their new computing unit, 'Questioning'. In this unit, the children will be using spreadsheets, generating pictograms and creating binary trees for 'yes' and 'no' answers. Following this unit, the children will be learning how to make a quiz on Purple Mash.



## Vocabulary focus:

material  
properties  
conjunctions  
past and present  
Advent

## RE/PSHE

This term we will be learning about Judaism and how people who follow this faith celebrate their special days. We will then be focusing on the Nativity story and the events leading to Jesus' birth. In Year 2, we will be thinking about how Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We will look at Advent candles and what they mean and how we can include these values in our own lives.



## Nativity

We are already in full swing, learning our Nativity songs for our production, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' Please help your child to learn any lines that they have been given and how to project their voices. Thank you!

## Music

Year 1 will be covering a unit of work called 'Round and Round'. During this unit they will listen to a range of music, including film music, big band jazz and Latin fusion as they travel around the world.



## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Read your reading book at least 4 times a week.
- ❖ Year 1 - Learn your sight words- they will help with your reading and writing.
- ❖ Year 2 - Practise reading and writing your spellings
- ❖ Practise counting to 100 forwards and backwards.
- ❖ Look and find 2D and 3D shapes in the environment and talk about the properties.
- ❖ Practise counting up and back in 2s, 5s, 10s (and 3s in year 2) - lots! 😊
- ❖ Complete weekly homework