

# This half term Year 1 are learning about:



## English

In English, the children will be learning the story 'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love. The story is about being seen for who we are by someone who loves us. Year 1 will have the opportunity to make statements about their dreams and wishes, explore using verbs and use these to write commands that form instructions for being a mermaid. They will make predictions, write in role and sort inferential statements. Finally, they will look at features of a poem before writing their own poems based on the idea of movement, being who you want to be and using verbs. In Guided Reading sessions, we will be learning to segment words into sounds before blending them together, recognising our tricky words, using our voices to read with expression and answering questions using what we have read. In our class Story Time, we will be reading a range of stories to excite and engage children in a love of reading.

## Geography: Where Do I live?

In Geography, we will learn about the seven continents of the world and identify where the UK is on a map. We will then look at the four different countries that make up the UK and name their capital cities and each country's characteristics. Then, we will look closer at where we live and explore what our town is like before describing where we live using geographical terminology.

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will start the half term by learning about money. They will look at naming and identifying different coins and notes by looking at their colour, shape, and size to identify them and their value. We will then move on to looking at capacity and volume. The children will look at the terms full, half full/empty, nearly full/empty, quarter full/empty and empty in different size and shaped containers. We will then move on to looking at mass. We will compare different objects using heavy/heavier and light/lighter. Then we will use non-standard units of measure to measure the mass of different classroom objects and resources. Our final topic of Year 1 is space. During our space unit, we will look at position, movement, and different turns. We will be using terms such as top, bottom, right, left, near, far, and above before looking at half, full and quarter turns.

## Science: Animals

In Science, we will be continuing our topic of animals where we will identify, name and sort animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will then look at grouping animals according to what they eat, what they look like and how they move. To end our topic, we will recap naming the months of the year, recognising the order of the seasons and describe the weather in each season.

## D&T: Food - Apple Pops

In D&T, the children will explore different fruit and vegetables and how to identify them. We will then look at what part of plants we eat before tasting different fruit and vegetables. We will then make our own apple pop (a healthy snack) designing what toppings we put on top of our apple slice before evaluating it.

## PE

In PE, Year 1 will be looking at how to use speed, accuracy, and control by using the space around them and moving in different ways (sprinting, running, jumping and walking) and in different directions. They will look at different types of jumps and how to control their jump. They will then look at throwing apparatus at a target with increasing accuracy.

## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 1 include:

- accuracy
- unit of measurement
- value
- global neighbour
- continents

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Playing simple games to learn the tricky words found in their books.
- ❖ Playing counting games with numbers within 100.
- ❖ Writing simple stories with a beginning, middle and end.

## RE/PSHE



Year 1 will begin the half term finishing our 'Being Sorry' topic. We will look at recognising forgiveness and talk about times when we say sorry and how God can help us to say sorry and be kind to others by following his golden rules. Our final topic is 'Neighbours'. During this topic, we will recognise we have neighbours all around the world who we need to show God's love to and how we can be a kind neighbour. We will then learn the story, 'The Good Samaritan', before finally thinking about how we can be a good global neighbour and how we can live this out.

## PSHE

Our Mission Circle/Circle Time themes for Pentecost 2 are as follows: Eucharist, Missionary Discipleship, Evangelise, Awe and Wonder, Fortitude and Teaching. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups.

## RSE

The children will continue their RSE lessons this term. We will be focusing on units within Module 2 and 3. They will learn about how to stay safe, looking at physical contact, harmful substances and what to do if they see them, who can help them and how. They will then look at our relationships with the wider world by identifying their neighbours and the communities they live in.