

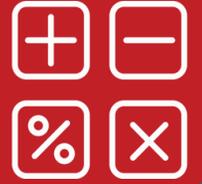
# Y1 Newsletter

## LENT 2



### Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be learning about multiplication. This is where we will look at what 'equal' means and checking if we have equal groups. We will use the term 'lots of' to help us understand that multiplication is a number of groups with an amount of objects within each group. We will then be adding equal groups by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s before looking at arrays and making doubles. We will finally look at word problems for multiplication and solve these by drawing arrays, lots of amounts or counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.



### Religious Education

Our other faith work will look at Islam. We will learn about Muhammad and why Muhammad is important to Muslims. We will then start branch four which is called Desert to Garden. During this topic, we will learn about the story of Jesus' time in the desert, the Last Supper and his death and resurrection. We will begin to understand the Christian belief that Lent is an opportunity for a new start and that during this time Christians pray, fast and help others.



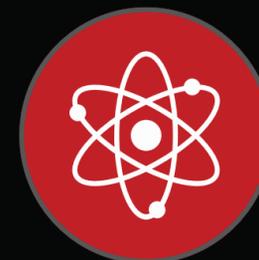
### English

In English, we will be reading the story 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegley. Stanley's stick is not just a stick; his options are endless! Stanley flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and rides a dinosaur; his imagination takes over and the magic begins. We will make predictions, retell the story, plan and write an alternative story. In Guided Reading, we will continue to develop fluency, recognise our tricky words, read with expression and answer questions using what we have read. In Story Time, we will be reading a range of stories to excite and engage the children.



### Science

In Science, children will be naming and labelling common plants and trees using scientific language (stem, trunk, petals etc.) They will be identifying, naming and classifying different common and wild plants. Common plants are plants we have in our garden that we plant, and wild plants are plants that have not been planted such as daisies, daffodils, snowdrops.



### Music

In Music, we will be learning the song 'Round and Round' by Joanna Mangona. During this unit, the children will listen to and appraise a range of music, including film music, big band, jazz and Latin fusion as we travel around the world. We will learn to use instruments, following and copying the pulse of the song.





## Design Technology

In DT, we will be looking at fairy-tale houses. We will explore different types of houses and identify how they are different and similar. Then, we will use our design brief to design our own fairy-tale house using junk modelling materials, thinking about how we can make them stronger and sturdier. Finally, we will evaluate our homes against the design brief and think how we could improve them.

## Geography

In Geography, we will find out about maps. We will learn about the four compass points and use these to navigate around maps. We will think about some of the human and physical features that are found in a town and consider the importance of the placement of different features when town planning before using what we have learnt to design a town of our own on a map.



## Physical Education

In PE, the children will be developing their catching, striking, and throwing skills. They will learn the different skills needed to hit and catch accurately. Then, they will learn how to send and receive objects accurately and securely before moving onto the skills used when striking and hitting within a game. They will then practice the skills learnt within a game, following simple rules.

## Personal Development

In Personal Development, we will learn the difference between 'good' and 'bad' secrets and finding our trusted adult to talk to if anything troubles them. We will identify different people we can trust and ask for help and how we call 999 in an emergency. We will learn that our bodies are created by God and how we should take care of them and be careful about what we consume.



## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 1 include: trunk, stem, petals, travelling, speed and key.

## Class Notices

Tuesday 24 February and Wednesday 26 February - Parents' Evening  
Thursday 5 March - World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite character! Plus, Stay and Read for parents at 8:45am-9am)  
Friday 13 March - Mother's Day Lunch and OPAL



## How parents & carers can help

Regular reading with your child, practising recognising tricky words and how to spell them. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read and talk about the meaning of unfamiliar words.  
Letter formation in handwriting and writing sentences using their phonetic knowledge.