



Year 1

Autumn 2

This half term, our work in Year 1 will be based on the theme of "Our World". This will involve exploring our local area and looking at the features found in our environment. They will also look at the seasonal changes in nature and around us, as we move from Autumn to Winter. The children will continue to work on developing their phonics skills and will continue to share other books and stories. The children will finish the term with a special 'Christmas themed' DT week.

In **English**, the children will be learning to write longer sentences using capital letters and full stops correctly. They will enjoy reading and reciting a variety of poems, and will even have a go at writing their own poetry!

We will continue to focus on building their phonics skills and encouraging correct letter formation in all of their writing activities.

In **Maths**, the children will continue to build their counting skills and strengthen their number recognition. They will learn simple strategies for addition and subtraction and begin using symbols to record their calculations.

We'll also be working on recalling number facts to support mental maths, and exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes through hands-on activities and investigations.

In **RE**, the children will learn how people celebrate special events and explore how different religions mark festivals around the world.

In **PSHE**, the children will focus on valuing differences. This will include valuing and celebrating differences between themselves and others

In **DT**, the children will explore slider mechanisms and movements. They will use a slider mechanism to design, make and evaluate a moving Christmas card to showcase their skills.

In **Geography**, the children will locate where they live using an aerial photograph. They will also recognise features within a local context and create simple maps using classroom objects.



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In **Computing**, the children will use **2Paint** on Purple Mash to develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting.

In **PE**, the children will master basic movements, including 'throwing and catching'. They will also participate in 'hands, feet, equipment' to develop their fundamental movement skills.

In **Science**, the children will be learning about seasonal change by observing how trees, plants and clothing change as the weather gets colder. The children will also begin using scientific enquiry to ask questions and explore the natural world.

In **Forest School**, the children will explore the natural environment and enjoy hands-on outdoor activities. These sessions help build confidence, curiosity and a love for nature.

In **Music**, the children will be learning and practising singing skills. They will respond to signals, perform in unison and sing with an awareness of the shape of the melody.