



What will your child be learning this half term?

Phonics- In class, children will be looking at our set 2 and 3 sounds. Groups and phonics books are set accordingly to ability. 	Religious Education (R.E.) - Prayer- This unit is designed to develop the children's understanding of prayer as a special way of spending time with God. In the unit the children will also explore the vocabulary, actions, places and aids associated with prayer, with particular reference to the prayer of praise and intercession. The children will also explore how Christians give praise to God in the psalms and in prayers like the "Glory Be To The Father" and the "Our Father". Advent- This unit is designed to develop the children's understanding of Advent as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and his coming again. The unit also develops the children's understanding of Advent as a joyful liturgical season and allows them to participate in a special liturgy.
Writing In our English lessons, we will read different texts and then write simple sentences about them. Each sentence will begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.	Maths In Maths, we're focusing on numbers 0 to 10, helping the children recognise, count, and understand these foundational numbers. We'll also explore 2D and 3D shapes by identifying, composing, decomposing, and manipulating them through hands-on activities. This builds confidence with shapes, patterns, and spatial awareness in a fun, engaging way. Secondly, we will be looking at additive structures in maths.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - This half term, we will be focusing on our capital letters and full stops.	Mental Maths - ✓ Numbers to 20 (counting forwards and backwards) ✓ Number bonds within 10 and to 10. ✓ Counting to 100 and back. ✓ Naming the 2D shapes
History- Local History In this Local History topic, children will explore the history of Darlaston and how it has changed over time. They will learn about important local landmarks, people, and industries, comparing past and present life. Pupils will develop a sense of pride, belonging, and understanding of their community's heritage and identity.	Science - The Human Body In Year 1 Science, the children will learn to name and identify main parts of the human body such as the head, arms, legs, hands, feet, eyes, ears, nose, and mouth. They will explore how these parts help us move, see, hear, smell, taste, and touch, developing awareness of personal health and growth.
Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Wednesday and Friday.	

<u>Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) –</u> In PSHE this term, children will explore several important themes that help them develop as kind, respectful, and responsible members of the community. Children will learn about rules, rights, and responsibilities, online safety, British values, and sustainable living. They will explore Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week's 'Choose Respect' theme, and Culture Day, celebrating diversity and identity. The topic promotes respect, tolerance, equality, and the dignity of every person within the school and wider community.	<u>Music–</u> In this music topic, children will explore a wider range of musical notes and have the opportunity to play different instruments. They will begin to follow directions and signals during performances, developing their listening skills, teamwork, and confidence when making music together.
<u>Computing – Digit Art</u> In this Computing unit, children will explore digital painting using simple art software. They will learn how to choose and use different tools, colours, and brush effects to create pictures on a computer. Pupils will compare digital art with traditional painting, developing creativity, fine motor skills, and confidence using technology.	

Other Important Information
<u>Homework in Year 1</u> • Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes - please sign your child's planner to show that this has been completed. • Spellings will be stuck into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Friday's each week. • Numbots- 10 minutes minimum at home. • Mental Maths - counting to 20, addition to 10 and subtraction within 10. <u>Important dates for Year 1</u> Tuesday 18th November - Phonics meeting for parents at 3:25pm in the Year 1 classroom. Thurs. 20th November - KSI Online Safety assembly at 2.45pm - parents invited. Mon 8th December - Nativity Performance for parents at 2pm Tues 9th December - Nativity Performance for parents at 9.30am Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper / dress up day Friday 12th December -School & Parish Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 4.30pm Monday 15th December - Y1 & 2 Advent Stay & Pray for Parent Friday 19th December - Christmas Culture Day and end of term. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment- we are here to help. Miss Perry and Mrs Mistry