

# Year 1 – Autumn 2 Learning Journey



## Reading

Our story this term is 'After The Storm' by Nick Butterworth. The story is based in a park- home of Percy and his animal friends. One night, a storm is raging outside and Percy the park keeper is having a sleepless night! The wind is howling and lightning is clapping. When he gets up the following morning, Percy finds that the old oak tree has been blown down. It is a disaster for his animal friends who live there, but Percy devises a plan to help his little friends find new homes. We will discuss the story as the class. We will talk about how Percy helps his friends and how we might help our friends too! We will try and predict what we think will happen, ask questions and act out parts too. We will be fully embracing the text with different experience days, linking to our writing, Science and Art. The story and the themes of 'friendship and teamwork' also link to our PSHE learning.

We will also continue to have Read Write Inc everyday where we continue to learn and review our set 1, set 2 and set 3 sounds with a particular focus on segmenting and blending these into words and reading these in our head and speedily.



## Maths



This term, we will be comparing quantities and measure. In week 1 we will be learning to use the correct vocabulary to compare length, height and capacity. We will be using vocabulary like taller, longer or shorter to compare length and height. We will also look at capacity and volume and use language such as full, half full and empty. In addition, we will use balance scales to compare the weight of different objects and discuss which objects are lighter, heavier or balance.

Also, we will be looking at what a 'whole' means and how we can split a whole into parts.

## Writing



Writing complete sentences continues to be a focus in Year 1 and we use the RWI approach: my turn, your turn to hold a sentence and then we use think it, say it before we write it! Saying sentences out loud allows us to order our words correctly. Handwriting is also a big focus in Year 1 and we are continuing to make sure we form our letters correctly and write on the line.

This term, we are reading the book 'After The Storm'. We are continuing with The Write Stuff approach and we are retelling this story in our first unit. We will sentence stack each plot point using a range of different lenses. We will also explore adjectives, dialogue and even onomatopoeia! Unit 2 is all about creating our own welcoming brochure all about Percy's beautiful park. We will be using lots of adjectives to describe the park, Percy and his animal friends. We will discuss the features of a brochure to help us make our own!

We will continue to focus on improving spelling, punctuation and grammar skills with a particular emphasis on using full stops and capital letters as well as the continuous practice of spelling the Year one Common Exception Words.

## PE



We are using social skills to play a range of PE games using balance and co-ordination.

## Art & DT



In Art we will continue to explore seasonal change and in particular look at our current season - Autumn. We will be mixing colours to create Autumnal colours and will use finger painting to create an Autumn tree. We will also be using leaves collected by us to make a spiky hedgehog!

## Science



We will be learning all about seasonal changes by identifying the four seasons and what months these fall into. We will also be learning all about weather and linking symbols to seasons. Finally, we will learn how the Earth spins around the Sun once a day to form day time and night time.

## Computing



This half term, we will be learning how to programme a 'Bee-Bot' using a range of coding skills. We will create a video on how to make a 'Bee-Bot, follow and code precise instructions and make a game.

## Geography



In geography we are going to be looking at continents and oceans in the UK. We are going to name and locate the continents, countries and oceans on the UK map. We will also be looking at each country's flag and locating these too.

## Music



This term in music we will learn about fairy tales. Through fairy tales, children are introduced to the concept of timbre; learning that different sounds can represent characters and key moments in a story.

## RE



This term we will be continuing to look at Christianity. We will be learning to reflect on the Christmas story and decide what gifts Christians might choose for Jesus and why the gifts would be meaningful for him.

## PSHE



In PSHE, we will be learning to recognise and celebrate our strengths, emotions, gifts and talents. We will develop an understanding of how it feels to find something difficult and how to help others who are finding something difficult. We will also be learning how to compliment one another using our compliment can.

## Important Dates

Parents evening: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

PE continues to be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has PE kit in school for these days in a named bag.