

# The Place Where I Live with Class 1

## Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. We will be practising counting forwards and backwards as well as fast recall and memorising our number bonds to 10 and 20.



Children in Reception will be learning in depth about numbers to 10 including writing the numerals, counting, place value and simple addition and subtraction.

## Geography

This half term children will be studying their local area. We will be thinking about both past and present in our locality, including the school and playground.



## History

Whilst exploring the place where we live we will also be looking at local history events, people and places in our local area.



## RE

### **What do people say about God?**

The children will be exploring Christianity and how some people feel or behave when they believe in God.

## English

Our focus texts in English will be based on stories with familiar settings. Children will begin to explore the structure of stories through role-play and retelling. We will look at the language authors have chosen to use, focusing on adjectives and descriptive writing. The children will write their own character and setting descriptions using new, exciting vocabulary. Later this half term we will be looking at letter writing and the children will begin to write their own letters.



## Phonics

Children will have daily phonics lessons in class in which they will learn new sounds and spelling rules. We will practise reading and writing them through games, songs and activities and children are encouraged to apply their learning in written work in class through the use of sound mats.

## Reading



Children will bring reading books home which they will have the opportunity to change: Reception, twice weekly - Monday and Wednesday. Year 1, Three times weekly - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In class we will aim to read one to one with children at least once a week. As well as this, reading will also be incorporated into our other lessons across the curriculum.



## Handwriting

We will practise handwriting in specific lessons and discretely through other areas of the curriculum.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p>As well as learning a variety of songs through other areas of the curriculum to aide our learning, the children will explore and recreate sounds made by their bodies, the weather and animals.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PE</u></b></p> <p>Our PE lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons. This half term will be Athletics. Please ensure children have their PE kits in school.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PSHE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Don't forget to let love in</b></p> <p>The children will think about their own qualities and discuss how important, valued and loved they are.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Computing</u></b></p> <p>Children will learn about internet safety, the rules for using technology and keeping safe online.</p> <p>We will also use beebots and explore what happens to them when they are programmed with a sequence of instructions to navigate around various maps.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>How you can help at home</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading at home with your child can really help their confidence when reading aloud. Whether it be their reading book from school, books or magazines around the home or helping read a recipe when cooking, every little helps! Reading to your child can also help develop their comprehension and enjoyment of reading. You can discuss the stories, what they think might happen next, link events to personal experiences and talk about their favourite characters.</li> <li>• Spellings will be brought home weekly every Friday and children will be tested on them the following Friday. The words sent home will be linked to those learnt in phonics lessons the previous week.</li> <li>• Homework is an opportunity for children to share the skills and knowledge they have learnt in school with you at home and to practise their skills. The tasks will be in a 'Pick 'N' Mix' format and relate to our topic. The red tasks should be completed weekly and children should choose 5 of the green tasks to complete over the half term. Any completed homework can be brought in on Fridays and we will share it in class.</li> <li>• Children will be given their own log in information (stuck in front of reading record) for Mathletics and Spelling Shed which they can access at home. These websites will have a variety of set tasks for children to complete. Other useful websites:  <a href="http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com">www.teachyourmonstertoread.com</a>  <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.com">www.phonicsplay.com</a>  <a href="http://www.phonicsbloom.com">www.phonicsbloom.com</a>  <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> </li> </ul>	