

## **Fighting fit**

This term's focus question will be: How can we take care of our bodies to stay healthy and strong?

### **Maths**

Year 1 and 2 will focus on addition subtraction and place value within 100.

Reception will focus on number.

### **English**

This half term we will focus on mixed up fairy tales we will look at fairy tales with a twist write our own stories and also write instructions.

### **Music**

In Music lessons we will rehearse and perform with others, starting and finishing together and keeping a steady pulse.

We will answer the question: How can we work together to rehearse and perform a piece of music, making sure we start and finish at the same time while keeping a steady beat?

### **Phonics**

Children will have daily essential letters and sounds phonics lessons in which they will learn new sounds and spelling rules.

### **Computing**

In computing lessons we will be learning about using pictograms to collect and represent data.

We will answer the question: How can we use pictograms?

### **Science**

In Science lessons we will focus on Humans - what humans need to survive, human growth and exercise. We will answer the question: what do humans need to stay healthy and grow, and why is exercise important for our bodies?

### **Art**

In Art lessons we will be looking at figure drawing. We answer the question: How can we use wooden figures to help us understand and create figures with the right proportions in our sculptures?

### **PSHE**

In PSHE lessons we will be looking at valuing difference. We will answer the question: What makes me special?

### **RE**

In RE we will continue to focus on Christianity and continue to answer the question: Why do Christians say that God is a Father?

## How you can help at home?



- ✓ **Talking and communication:** Encourage regular conversations at home to help boost language skills. Examples: discuss the events of the day during dinner. Share a story or ask children about their favourite part of the book they've read.
- ✓ **Modelling correct vocabulary:** Use clear and grammatically correct language when speaking with children. Examples: correct gently, if your child makes a mistake e.g. did you mean...? Introduce new words during conversations and explain their meaning.
- ✓ **Board games and turn taking:** Play games that involve taking turns to foster patience and cooperative play. Examples: try games like 'snakes and ladders' or 'connect 4' to practice counting and strategic thinking. Use card games like 'Go Fish' to encourage number recognition and memory.
- ✓ **Number bonds and number patterns:** Explore numbers at home to strengthen mathematical foundations. Examples: use every day items such as toys or fruit to create simple addition and subtraction problems. Create patterns using coloured blocks or beads. Count the number of steps to the front door.
- ✓ **Year 2 only: 2, 5 and 10 times tables:** Please work on your child's knowledge of their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. TT rock stars will be available for you to access if you choose this method for practising.
- ✓ **Daily reading (where possible):** Encourage reading every day to help improve Literacy skills. School reading books will be sent home every evening. They will be changed once a week (on a Friday). These books will link to the phonics sounds your child has been learning in class example, read together and take turns to boost confidence. Discuss the story and illustrations to enhance comprehension. Read a bedtime stories to encourage love of reading.
- ✓ **Phonics sounds:** If needed, your child will be sent home with a phonics mat stuck in the back of their yellow reading record. The teacher will tick the sounds that your child is focusing on or has already covered. Please refer to this sound mat and practice the sounds at home.
- ✓ **Digital learning resources:** Use online platforms to support learning in a fun and interactive way.

### Resources available:

- Spelling shed: for spelling practice.
- Mathletics: for mathematics activities.
- Oxford owl: for a variety of reading materials.
- TT rock stars (year 2 only).