

## MICHAELMAS TERM – 2<sup>nd</sup> half

### YEAR 1 CURRICULUM FORECAST

#### ENGLISH

In English, pupils will be covering a range of topics. They will be learning about stories with familiar settings such as 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson before writing their own story in a similar style. They will also be writing poems about the body and the five senses, enhancing their understanding of rhythm and rhyme. Towards the end of this half-term, the pupils will write a short story about Santa's elves. The focus in all of their writing will continue to be letter formation and using sound mats to ensure plausible attempts are made in writing more difficult words. In Guided Reading pupils will focus on using their phonic knowledge to decode unfamiliar words and will continue to answer an increasing amount of inferential questions. Phonics will continue to be taught across all areas of the curriculum and will be based around all Phase 3 phonic sounds and new Phase 5 sounds taught. Phase 4 blends are embedded throughout reading and writing.

#### MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics, pupils will develop their mathematical skills by focusing on: place value - counting up to 100 and writing corresponding numerals; identifying one more and one less than a given number; beginning to understand the usage of ordinal numbers; addition and subtraction - learning number bonds to 10, doubles up to double 10, and simple addition and subtraction; multiplication and division - sharing into groups; identifying odd and even numbers; shape, space and measure – learning the days of the week and identifying common 2D shapes and their properties.

#### SCIENCE

Nature Journals: As part of our Nature Journals, pupils will go on a nature walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Winter. They will record different types of weather and create a winter scene using this knowledge. The pupils will also continue to understand a variety of habitats. They will again categorise animals into basic groups, such as mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. They will continue to ascertain the similarities and differences between animals' bodies, and gain an understanding of what a variety of different animals eat. As part of our topic, the pupils will gain an understanding of organs in the human body, the skeletal structure and investigate the use of the five senses: taste, smell, vision, hearing, and touch.

#### HUMANITIES

As part of our topic 'Knowing Me, Knowing You', the pupils will be comparing toys past and present. They will look at the differences between toys that they play with and toys from the past. The pupils will also learn about the significance and origin of Remembrance Day.

#### COMPUTING

Computer programming: The pupils will learn how to navigate and programme the BeeBots and then relate this to the corresponding app using the iPads. They will learn to use left and right when programming directions for the BeeBots. Computer skills: Pupils will continue to use the mouse to locate programs including Microsoft Word and Paint. The pupils will review how to save their work and recover it. Keyboard skills and mouse control are taught throughout.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Pupils will begin to form an understanding of the importance of light in different religions. They will discuss feelings associated with light before moving on to the use of light in the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and Advent leading up Christmas in the Christian calendar. The pupils will also participate in a Christingle assembly.

## **ART and DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**

Pupils will draw a portrait of their friend using a variety of different mediums including pastels and paint. The pupils will be encouraged to think about skin tone, eye colour, hair colour and intricate details. As part of our topic, the pupils will make a skeleton using art straws focusing on basic skeletal system.

## **MUSIC**

Pupils will improve their listening and performance skills. They will also develop their vocal skills by learning new songs, in preparation for the Nativity.

## **PSHEE**

Out and About: This unit focuses on keeping safe in different environments. Pupils will learn how to be a good friend, solve conflict independently and know who to go to in order to ask for help in a variety of situations. We will also cover road, fire and firework safety.

## **FRENCH**

Pupils will learn about customs and cultures in France. They will learn how Christmas is celebrated in France. The pupils will also expand their knowledge by learning numbers up to 20 and learning basic colours.

## **PE & SWIMMING**

In Swimming, the pupils will improve their water confidence by learning how to be safe in and around water. They will develop their swimming technique in a variety of strokes. In PE, the pupils will be looking at throwing and catching with a large ball; throwing and catching games will be slowly introduced. The pupils will also explore the importance of exercise.

