



What will we be learning?

English	Children in Year 1 will be consolidating the foundations for writing and then apply these to writing a short narrative and letter linked to the text 'Old Bear'. Year 2 pupils will work on retelling a twisted tale 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. We will also develop our speaking and listening skills in preparation for The Nativity.
Maths	We will begin with a focus on number and place value – consolidating to 10 in Year 1 and to 100 in Year 2. We will then apply this within addition and subtraction before moving onto shape later in the term.
Science	In our topic 'animals including humans' we will begin to identify and classify a range of animals. We will then investigate the weather in our 'seasons' unit.
History	We will learn about changes in living memory through our topic 'toys'.
Geography	We will learn about the world around us with a focus on the 7 continents.
RE	We will explore the concepts of right and wrong, temptation and karma through our focus on Christianity and Buddhism.
PE	We will focus on controlling our movements in our work on dance, gymnastics and locomotion.
Art	This term we will develop drawing and painting skills whilst learning about the artist Monet.
DT	Our focus is on preparing food this term. We will investigate different fruits before combining them to prepare fruit kebabs.
Music	We will learn the simple chant 'Tony Chestnut' including actions. We will also be learning songs for the Harvest Festival and The Nativity.
Computing	Our focus will be on online safety and exploring the features of Purple Mash before learning to code in our 'lego builders' unit.
PSHE	This term we will focus on ourselves in the unit 'being me in my world' and explore diversity through our topic 'celebrating difference'.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 6th October – flu vaccinations
 Friday 10th October @ 9:30am – Harvest Festival in church
 Wednesday 15th October – individual photos
 Tuesday 21st October – Parents' Evening
 Friday 24th October @ 3pm – Headteachers' Awards
 Friday 24th October – break up for Half Term
 Monday 3rd November – Training Day
 Tuesday 4th November – Children return to school
 Tuesday 11th November @ 10:30am – Remembrance Service in church
 Friday 14th November – Children In Need
 Wednesday 10th December @ 10am & 4pm – EYFS & KS1 Nativity
 Friday 12th December @ 3pm – Headteachers' Awards
 Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
 Thursday 18th December – Christmas Parties
 Friday 19th December @ 9:30am - Christmas church service
 Friday 19th December pm – Whole school pantomime trip
 Monday 5th January – all children return to school

Ideas to support learning at home...

- Hear your child reading their reading book three times per week.
- Practise your child's spellings with them throughout the week.
- Practise chanting the times table your child is working on and recalling the facts out of order.
- Use Google Earth to explore the different continents – look at aerial views and zoom into some of the different places.
- Find out about some of the main landmarks in each continent – you could draw them, build them or even make a junk model of one of them.
- Go on a nature walk – which animals can you find? Are they birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals or fish?
- Make your own weather station in your garden and record the weather. Use a container and measuring jug to find out how much rain has fallen and use a scarf to test which way the wind is blowing.
- Try some new fruits and practise preparing them – you could make fruit kebabs for your whole family!