

WELCOME TO YEAR 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the final term in Year 1. Please find details below of our topics this term.

## English

The focus in English will be on traditional fairy tales. We will be looking at a variety of well-known stories and thinking about the description within them. The children will be learning about the features of fantasy writing which will help them to write their own alternative versions of the stories. Following on from this, we will be studying stories linked to the seaside. An emphasis on basic grammar and punctuation will be ongoing.

Our phonics work will focus on alternative ways to spell different sounds, decoding alien (nonsense) words and continuing to correctly spell high frequency words (see reading diaries for lists of these).

## Maths



This term we will be revisiting place value, partitioning and ordering numbers to 100 as well as learning more about data handling. We will be revising what the children have already learnt about fractions and using this knowledge to find half of a given amount.

We will also continue to consolidate the children's understanding of addition and subtraction with a focus on mental calculation s lines.



The children will be exploring how to group objects will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s whilst lookir Additionally, we will be learning about capacity reinforcing the work we have done on 2D and 3D shc



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## Science

This term our topics in science will be 'Investigating Magnetism' and 'Plants'.

We shall be looking at the properties of magnets, their uses and their relationship to various materials. We will be conducting a number of investigations, for example, into the strength of magnets. As well as this, we will investigate what plants need to grow and we will be growing our own plants. Our work on this topic will be supported by our visit to the gardens at Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.



## Music

The focus will be on exploring sounds and pitch. The work will develop the children's ability to identify different sounds and to change and use sounds expressively in response to a stimulus.



## Computing and D&T

In D&T we will be thinking about healthy eating which will lead to us designing and making fruit salads. Our computing topic will be 'We Are Storytellers' in which we will learn to create an audio book. We will also explore programmable toys.



## RE

Our first topic will explore what it means to be a Muslim. During this, we will look at Islamic practices as well as what stories teach us about Muslim beliefs. During the second half of the term we will be discussing big questions about our world and looking at the creation story.

## History/Geography

Our focus will be on the seaside. We will look at human and physical features of a British seaside as well as learning how to stay safe by the sea. We will also explore how summer holidays have changed through time.

\* We would really appreciate any kind donations of class tissue boxes and glue sticks to help us through the summer term. Thank you!  
\* Please continue to regularly practise reading and spellings at home. It really does make a huge difference.