

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We are looking forward to a New Year of learning in Year 1. This half term our main topic is 'Our local area'. Where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this subject. Below is a topic map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website. **PE lessons** this year will take place on a **Friday**. Homework will be set every **Monday on MS Teams** and other websites such as My Maths or Purple Mash. Thank you.

Miss Machin - Class teacher

### MATHS

In Maths, we will learn about number and place value  
– We will practise reading and writing numbers up to 20 and beyond. Children will sequence and order numbers.

- We will also work on adding and subtracting numbers, focusing on number bonds to 10 and 20.
- We will learn about the properties of 2D shapes, Ordinal numbers, position and direction.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have begun the term by learning about our class **Saint** and the school's **mission statement**.

In Religious Education, we will also be learning about **God's great plan**, how we care for the world and the creation story. Later in the term, we will learn about Noah's Ark and the first people.

### COMPUTING

We will start by learning about **online safety** to support children in making safe choices when going online. We would also be exploring Purple Mash and Pictograms.

### HISTORY - GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be exploring **the local area**.

This will include a local area walk in which the children will observe land use.

The children will create a map of the local area. The children will also use atlases to identify the four countries that form the United Kingdom.

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### MUSIC

This half term, we will be learning about tone, exploring long and short sounds and learning songs based on Black History Month.

### SCIENCE

This half term, we will be learning about **seasonal changes**. Children will be learning to:

- Observe changes across the four seasons
- Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how the length of the day varies as a result.



### WRITING AND READING

In the first part of this term, we will be reading 'The Midnight Panther' by Poonam Mistry.



Throughout Autumn Term 1, we will be exploring the following texts:

- 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon
- 'Yeti and the Bird' by Nadia Shireen.
- 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

Children will work towards:

- Creating posters
- Writing letters of advice
- Writing an alien poem and story



### ART AND DESIGN

We will begin the half term by looking at **self-portraits**. We will explore the use of colour painting of self, and drawing using a range of media (pencils, pens, crayons)

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will begin learning about **Growth Mindset** and learn about the brain in MindUp.

### SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our focus will be on **Games**. Children will be using their skills of throwing and catching. Children will develop their ability to work in pairs and follow instructions.