



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for your involvement in supporting our children. We have had a great first half term with many engaging and exciting learning activities.

Our topic this half-term is 'Seasons'. We will be observing and creating pieces of work based around the changes across the four seasons. We will also use the key texts 'Room on the Broom' and 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present' as these link to learning across the curriculum.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Additional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p><b>Text Focus/ Writing:</b> story recall, story writing.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Home reading, guided reading, and independent reading in class.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> Set 2 and 3 sounds from Read Write Inc. Quick reading - applying these sounds with children when reading and writing.</p> <p><b>Spelling:</b> Common Exception Words. Strategies for remembering how to spell and write them.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b> Correct letter formation of lower-case letters including all letter families, 'Ladder Letters', 'Caterpillar Letters', 'One-armed robot letters', and 'Zig-Zag letters'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write a recipe for a potion. What colour are your ingredients? Can you spell these adjectives?</li> <li>Discuss and read books about the different seasons and/ or stories that are set in different seasons.</li> <li>Read, learn and perform short poems.</li> <li>As you are reading with your child, 'spot' the words where you can find these long vowel sounds (ea, oi, a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, aw, are, ur, er, ow, ai, oa, ew, ire, ear, ure).</li> <li>Recap and practise set 2 sounds together Practise the set 3 sounds together</li> <li><a href="#">RWI Set 3 Sounds with Miss Rollin - YouTube</a></li> </ul>
Maths	<p>Number: Place Value (within 10) Number bonds to 10 and 20 Addition &amp; Subtraction Geometry: Shape</p>	<p>White Rose Maths – Year 1 Autumn TERM : Week 6- 10 (Addition &amp; subtraction), Week 11 (Geometry) <a href="#">Maths home learning   Home learning   White Rose Maths</a></p>
Science	<p><b>Seasonal Changes</b> Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies</p>	<p>Observe and talk about the changes that are occurring in our environment as the seasons change and how the clothing that we wear also changes.</p>
History	<p>Learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot/Bonfire night. Order events in chronologically.</p>	<p>Discuss safety when using or observing fireworks. Observe fireworks, discuss the significance of the event in relation to the historical concept.</p>
Computing	<p>Creating media – digital painting. We will be exploring how to use digital programmes to create art work.</p>	<p>Practise mouse skills and using an online paint tools. <a href="https://paintz.app/">https://paintz.app/</a></p>
PE	<p>Gymnastics will focus on developing stability, control and practising key movements such as different types of rolls and jumps. Dance will explore seasonal and topic themes through movement and body shapes.</p>	<p>Practise executing different types of jumps and rolls. Practise different balance poses such as standing on one leg.</p>
DT	<p><b>Textiles</b> In this unit, pupils will learn how to sew pieces of fabric together to form a pouch. They will be able to thread a needle and use simple practical and decorative stitches.</p>	<p>Practice threading a needle. Discuss the names of different fabrics and materials such as, cardboard, polystyrene, hessian, binka and garden netting.</p>
PSHE	<p>Recognising, valuing and celebrating difference. We will discuss what acceptance and respect look like and develop an understanding of how we can show this. We will also discuss bullying and getting help when we need it.</p>	<p>Discuss ways in which we are all different and why being different is something to be celebrated.</p>
RE	<p>Meaningful gifts and the Christmas story</p>	<p>Discuss what you know about the Christmas story– do you celebrate this at home? How?</p>
Music	<p>Colonel Hathi's March Focus: Beat, march, timbre, film music. Magical Musical Aquarium Focus: Timbre, pitch, structure, graphic symbols, classical music.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZN_yzhUdu4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZN_yzhUdu4</a></p>
Mandarin	<p>Pets and animals</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV21iCEVlhk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV21iCEVlhk</a></p>
Outdoor Learning	<p>We are very excited to resume our outdoor learning programme this half term. We will have timetabled sessions planned by our Outdoor Learning Practitioner.</p>	<p>Explore our local parks and woods and see what you notice or spot about how they change with the different seasons. Can you name and identify any plants or trees?</p>
Trips	<p>25<sup>th</sup> November: Trip to Highgate Woods (Science) 5<sup>th</sup> December: Trip to St James' Church (RE)</p>	

Now that the weather is changing, please make sure your child comes to school with a **suitable coat and footwear** for the colder, damper weather. Light drizzle does not stop us from venturing into the playground!

Your continued support with reading and home learning is greatly appreciated. We look forward to having another happy, successful and fun half-term with the children. Please let us know if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

With best wishes,

