

### History- The Gunpowder Plot

In History, we will be learning about the Gunpowder plot; who was involved, how they were caught and the reasons why they wanted to blow the Houses of Parliament up. To help us, we will study photos and explore stories/ diary entries from the time. We will also place the Gunpowder Plot on a historical timeline.

### Computing- Pictograms

In computing this half term, we will be exploring pictograms on Purple Mash. We will create a class pictogram, based on an experiment we carry out (what is your favourite Christmas song?).

### Geography- The Countries and Capitals of the UK

In Geography, we will be exploring the countries of the UK and their capitals. We will locate the UK on a map and globe, identifying which continent it is on. We will look at what the weather is like in the UK and the seas that surround it.

### RE

In RE we will be looking at celebrations and how these bring people together. We will also learn about the birth of baby Jesus in our Incarnation unit.

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### Music- My Stories

In this unit of music, children will explore different nursery rhymes. They will also listen to, and talk about, different styles of music before learning a new song and playing the glockenspiels!

### PE- Gymnastics

In PE we will be learning about different movements and balances we can make by ourselves and through using different equipment.

### English

In English, we will be using our senses to explore bonfire night and write poems about this. We will also learn about a range of traditional tales, comparing them and then writing our own. We will continue to work on our handwriting and using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

### Design and Technology- Food

In DT, we will be learning how to safely prepare and make a sandwich! The children will generate ideas and learn about food hygiene before using knives and graters safely and accurately to prepare the ingredients for their sandwich. Once their sandwich is made and tasted, they will evaluate their product and think about how they could make it better next time.

### Science- Seasons

This half term, we will complete our first unit on seasons. We will be exploring the signs associated with Autumn and Winter as well as observing the changes that happen between these seasons. Children will also learn about the length of days and how they are shorter in the winter time. We will learn how to make a weather chart and accurately record what we can see.

### Maths

In maths, we will be learning how to add and subtract using a range of resources. We will begin learning how to count in 5's and 10's up to 100. The children will also learn about different 2D and 3D shapes.

We will be applying our knowledge to solving problems and completing reasoning challenges.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be celebrating our uniqueness and looking at how we are similar/different.

### How to help your child at home

Reading is so important in year 1 and children will be sitting their phonics screening check at the end of the year. Please read regularly with your child and record this in their reading record.

Please complete the weekly spellings sent home. You can also encourage your children to write at home- maybe they can help you write a shopping list!