

Year 1 Autumn 2 – Celebrations and Seasons

Welcome back to Year 1! We hope you have all had a lovely half-term break and are ready for another exciting half-term of learning. The children have settled wonderfully into Year 1 and we are so proud of the progress they have already made. We are looking forward to building on their hard work as we head towards Christmas, with lots of exciting learning and festive activities planned, including exploring our new topic. **Celebrations and Seasons**!

Topic overview:

Science: Seasons – do seasons affect habitats?

Geography: What is our local area like?

PSHE: We are all Different

Art: Painting: pointillism – Georges Seurat

RE: Christianity – the Nativity journey

Computing: Online Safety – managing online information
Creating media – digital painting

PE: Run, jump, throw and gymnastics

Music: Can I be Helpful Too?
Duration and texture

What is this topic about?

This half term, our learning will have a Geography and Science focus as we explore Celebrations and Seasons. The children will investigate how the seasons change throughout the year and how these changes affect animals and their habitats. In Geography, we will explore our local area, identifying human and physical features and developing our map skills.

In English, we will continue developing our reading and writing skills through exciting stories and activities, building our confidence in writing sentences independently.



In Art, we will explore the work of Georges Seurat, learning about pointillism and creating our own colourful paintings using dots. In RE, we will learn about the Nativity journey and why Christmas is an important celebration for Christians.

Key dates:

Monday 2nd November- Inset day

w/c Monday 2nd November – Week of inspirational maths

Thursday 12th November- KS1 Poetry Day

w/c Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 17th November – Parents evening appointments 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 18th November – Parents evening appointments 3.30-7pm

Wednesday 18th November – School nurse appointments available

Thursday 3rd December – Nativity rehearsal at church. 9-11am.

Friday 4th December – Nativity play in church 9-11am.

Thursday 10th December – Santa's Grotto 3.30-5.30pm (more details will follow)

Friday 18th December- Christmas jumper and lunch. Last day at school

Tuesday 5th January – Return to school for spring term



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Online Safety: Preparing Children for a Digital World

Technology is constantly evolving and so is our approach to teaching online safety! This year, our teaching team has been working hard to review and update our online safety curriculum to ensure it reflects the ever-changing digital world and the needs of our children.

Our curriculum is shaped by Education for a Connected World, a national framework designed to equip children and young people with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the online world safely, responsibly and confidently.

The framework outlines what children should know and understand at different ages and stages, covering important topics such as online relationships, privacy, managing information and keeping themselves safe.



Want to know more about what your child is learning? Parents and carers can explore the framework to see the online safety knowledge and skills children are encouraged to develop as they grow.

You can read the full document here: Education for a Connected World – UKCIS

Recommended reads:



Key Vocabulary:

