

Year 1 Spring 2

**Our topic is...**



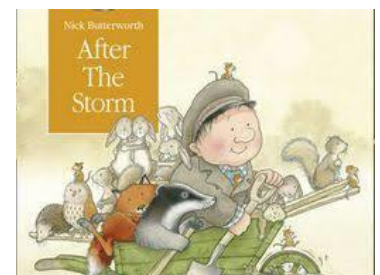
**Seasons**

## **Supporting your child's learning at home**

The most effective way of supporting your child's learning is by taking an interest in what they are doing, and of course continuing with reading and spelling practise. This leaflet should give you a starting point for talking about what learning your child is doing at school. There are ideas below to support their learning at home.

### **English**

In English this half term we will be reading fiction books, exploring information texts and taking part in the Hampshire Picture Book Awards. After half term the children will be identify the key features of an information text, gathering information and then writing their own information text about



Owls. They will also be sharing familiar stories focusing on the use of descriptive language. The children will be exploring four different books for the Hampshire Picture Book Award and then voting for their favourite one.

### **At home you could:**

- Continue reading with your child regularly and practising the phonic sounds in the Reading Diary.
- Finding new and interesting vocabulary when reading.
- Learning weekly spelling words and the words on the Common Exception Word Mat (you will find this in the spelling booklet).
- Note when capital letters are used for proper nouns such as places, names and at the start of a sentence.
- Practise handwriting when learning spelling words.

## Mathematics

We shall begin the half term by exploring addition and subtraction. The children will develop an early understanding of addition as augmentation (where the quantity increases) and subtraction as reduction (where the quantity decreases). The concepts will be explored by using stories and will be practical based ensuring we are using concrete resources.

We shall then move on to investigating numbers 0-10. The children will be able to explain that addition is commutative, they will be finding pairs of numbers that make 10, be able to add and subtract 1 from any number. The children will then explore doubling and halving numbers within 10.

### **At home you could:**

- Always support your child with their maths homework, as it will help them with activities covered in class.
- Count in 2, 5 and 10's
- Count to 100 in 1's
- Doubling and halving number games.



## Science

During this half term, our Science is based around Scientists and Inventors.

We will learn about the work of some Scientists and Inventors and how it relates back to our previous learning in Science throughout the year.

### **At home, you could:**

- Have a look at who invented toys that the children like (using the internet).
- Discuss what makes someone an inventor.
- Discuss which inventions have improved your life and why (e.g. dishwasher).



## Geography

During our geography sessions, we will be focusing on Hot and Cold places. We shall start by visiting the Arctic and



Antarctica and look closely at what

the climate, habitat and what animals live in these countries.

We shall then move on and look closely at the climate, habitat and what animals live in warmer areas such as the Amazon

Rainforest and Sahara Dessert. We shall then compare the two

by looking at the similarities and differences between warmer and colder places.



## Art

Children will be sorting colours according to how they make you feel either being hot or cold. They will also be experimenting with colour to change it to lighter or a darker shade. The children will create a piece of Art work that will show either a hot or cold colour background using watercolour paints, they will also use pastels to add detail to their paintings which will create their final piece.



## Music

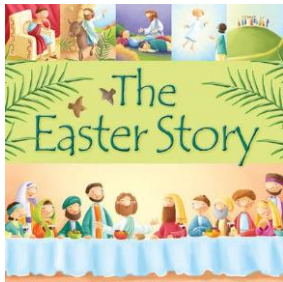
This half term we will be focusing our learning on all different types of music genre. The theme is called 'Round and Round'. We shall be building on our knowledge of finding the pulse as well as integrating rhythm, pitch with singing and instruments. Each lesson will follow the same structure, of listening and discovering new pulse and rhythm before moving on to learning the song. Across the half term we will be introducing instruments and composing our own style of song.

## P.E

Children will be continuing with multi-skills this term. Multi-skills will consist of getting outside with a ball whenever the weather permits so please make sure that your children wear adequate **P.E shoes** and a warm PE kit in school on a Tuesday and Thursday.

## R.E

Our topic this half term will be focusing on the concept 'Love'. The children will start by expressing creatively what 'love' means to them and then link this with how love can make them feel. They will then explore and inquire how 'love' is shown in the Easter story and how Christians celebrate Jesus' love at this time. To finish the children shall then recognise why 'love' is important to themselves, their families and Christians.



## Class dojo:



Please remember you can message **any** of the Year 1 teachers on Class dojo with queries or questions that you may have.

Pine Class – Miss Jackson

Ash Class – Mrs Ellis

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team