



The main theme for this term is **“Communicate and Celebrate”**  
This will be taught through science, history and art, linking also to some of our writing.

### **P.E. Days and Kit**

For the next term, our outdoor PE sessions are on Tuesdays with our EVO sports coach. Our indoor PE sessions will be on Mondays. Children will need to have a PE kit in school for these days. Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt and black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings for these sessions. Please make sure your child's name is in all their clothes, it's very difficult to reunite children with the correct clothing without names in them.



### **Counting and number bonds**

The children did so well in Autumn term learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and we had lots of children get their rocket badges. Keep practicing at home and let's see if we can get some more children on the rocket. Please also keep practicing learning the number bonds to 10 by heart – Number Bonds to 10 by Jack Hartmann on YouTube is a great video to watch to help support this.



### **Reading and Spellings**

Please can you make sure your child has their reading journal in school every day and record any reads they do at home. They need to do 40 reads to receive their reading mileage badges. Your child will be sent home with a Read, Write, Inc. book as well as a sharing book to read at home. These books are changed every week.





### **Communication, language and literacy**

We are learning all about communication over the term and how our ways of communicating have changed over time. We will even be learning some Morse Code and Semaphore!

In our RWI sessions, we will be learning new ways to read and write sounds. We will then practise using our phonics to write simple sentences. We will be concentrating on checking our writing to make sure it makes sense.

We will also be learning some Spring poems and improving our oracy skills when reading aloud and retelling the story of Kippers Toybox.



### **Expressive arts and design**

In Design and Technology, we are going to be making sliders and levers in D&T to show the journey of a letter.

We hope you will be able to join us for the D&T exhibition in the hall.

## **Welcome to Y1 – Let's communicate and celebrate!**



### **Relationships and Health Education**

Across the spring term, a number of circle times will be themed around the RSHE planning. The children will be discussing their feelings. This will then be linked to what makes a good friend, and how we can be assertive in our friendships and ensure they are balanced.

If you have any questions about the learning outlined, **then please do not hesitate to talk to us.**



### **Understanding the world**

We will be finding out about the monarchy and the contribution they have made to our nation.

We will be learning the names of different kings and queens.

We will be exploring the properties of different materials and how these materials can best be used. We will be naming, sorting and describing the materials and investigating through a fair test which material would be best to make a coat for the Gingerbread Man.

The children will also explore how recycling is important to the environment and how this links to sorting from the properties of material.

### **Maths**

We will be looking at addition and subtraction and using number lines to help us count forwards and backwards. We will continue to use vocabulary such as more, less and difference to explain our answers.

We will also be learning about the place value of digits in numbers up to 50. Later in Spring term we will be measuring length, height, weight and volume.



### **Physical Development**

Our indoor PE session is on Mondays and our outdoor PE session is on Tuesday.

We will be using gymnastics equipment in indoor PE to complete fitness circuits. Let's see how much our fitness improves over the half term!

In outdoor PE we will be playing team games and learning how to attack and defend.



## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Visit to Sheffield city centre

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – WCMGT Final

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Finish for half term

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term Holiday

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Spring 2 starts

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day @ WCM (Cosy Read & dressing-up)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET 4/5 school closed for children

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - D&T exhibition in the hall

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day (dressing-up)

**Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Easter Events (Easter Bonnet Parade)

**Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Presentation to Parents on the Year 1 Phonics Screening (date to be confirmed)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Finish for Easter Holidays

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Summer 1 starts

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Eid Celebration (3:20-4:00pm)



Thank you for your support and please send any learning or enquiries to  
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