



Year 1 Advent 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful half term break; I cannot wait to get started with all our learning this half term. We have got lots of exciting things planned!

English

Last term in English we focused on some traditional tales such as the three little pigs and goldilocks. During these units of work, we focused on character descriptions, speech, re-telling the stories, instruction writing, BEWARE/WANTED posters and more. We finished the term on the book 'everywhere bear' where we started to write some independent sentences and had a go at using emotive language.

This term, we will be moving on to the book 'The Teddy Robber' by Ian Beck to begin with. We will be writing more character descriptions, using past tense verbs, creating a 'LOST' poster, writing more speech, re-telling, and innovating the story as well as writing a letter. We will also be writing some different themed poems this term too as well as creating a fact file about toys.

Maths

During the last half term we focused on sorting objects, part-whole models, our numbers to 10, addition, subtraction and number bonds.

This half term we will be focusing on:

- embedding fluent in 5s*
- some more addition and subtraction within 10.*
- 2D and 3D shapes.*
- Numbers within 20.*



R.E.

In Advent 2 we will be starting our topic of Belonging, where our focus is on baptism. We will then be focusing on Waiting.

The Waiting topic will be all about Advent and the birth of Jesus. We will be using different parts of Gods story 2 to help our understanding with the story of Jesus and why it is important during Advent.

Topic

This half term our focus will be on Geography. Our big question is: *Where do I live?*

We will be focusing on how Hadfield is a village and where Hadfield is. We will investigate what human and physical features we would find around Hadfield and lots of map work.

We will also be looking at instruction writing including how to get around the school and how to get from your house to school.

During this topic, there will be a walk into the centre of Hadfield to help us create our maps and directions.



Science

Throughout Advent 1 we focused on seasons. During Advent 2 we are going to focus materials which will include the following learning questions:

LQ1: *Where do different materials come from?*

LQ2: *What can materials be used for?*

LQ3: *Which materials are strong, and which are rigid?*

LQ4: *Which materials are soft and bendy?*

LQ5: *Is Mr Silly using the right material?*

LQ6: *Can you stretch a bubble?*

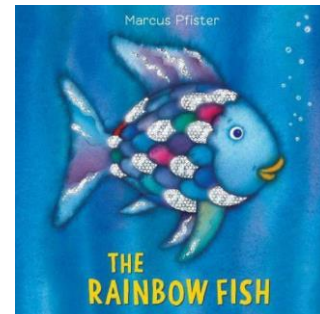
We will be doing lots of practical activities with a range of materials to help the children understand their properties. We will also be looking around the school and maybe beyond the school grounds for examples of these materials and properties in action.

Guided reading

Last half term we read a variety of texts including more traditional tales. We also implemented our Guided reading structure. Throughout this half term we will continue to embed the structure of guided reading and will be using the DERIC format.

We will be reading a range of short stories including *Rainbow Fish* and 'The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch

We will have guided reading four times a week. Once a week we will look at an alternative genre. The alternative genre may be through a poem, non-fiction book, a comprehension, or a video.



How can you help?

Each week your child will have two reading books. The bench marked reading books will be changed frequently.

On a Friday you will receive homework, this will be English, maths or topic based most weeks. The homework is to be done for the following Friday.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and remember that either Miss Smith or Miss Macklin will always be available before or after school if you need to speak to us.

Miss Macklin and Miss Smith.