Year 1 - What are we learning this half term?

English Mastery

We use Talk through Stories which is for all children. It is designed to extend and deepen children's vocabulary so that they can understand the books they will be able to read for themselves. We choose high quality texts for the children to explore. Each text runs over a three week period.

- Week 1- Story week, we help the children to get to know the story including the plot, the characters, and their actions and motivations.
- Week 2- Vocabulary week, we explore eight words from within the story, each specifically selected to develop children's understanding of each word in their context of their everyday lives.
- Week 3- We work on our independent writing, putting all the skills we have learnt into our own writing.

Mathematics

Unit 1: Numbers within 10

•Represent, compare and explore numbers within 10
•One more and one less
•Doubling and halving

Unit 2: Adding and subtracting within 10

•Represent and explain addition and subtraction
•Commutativity
•Addition and subtraction facts

Unit 3: Shapes and patterns

•Identify, describe, sort and classify 2-D and 3-D shapes
•Investigate repeating patterns
•Use and follow instructional and positional language

Wider curriculum

Geography: Our local area

Driving Question: What is our local area like?

- Pupils know what a map is.
- Pupils know where they go to school.
- Pupils know what a local area is.
- Pupils know the name of their local area.
- Pupils can describe things they can see, smell, and hear in their local area.

Science: Everyday Materials

- A material is something we can use to make different objects.
- Different materials have different properties.
- Some properties describe how an objects looks and feels.
- There are lots of different materials around us.

Reading for pleasure/ Phonics

We follow Read Write Inc. Children learn to:

- Read words using FRED talk.
- Read words by blending the sounds together.
- Read stories featuring words they have learnt to blend.
- Show that they understand the stories by answering "find it" and "prove it" discussion questions.
- Spell effortlessly so that they can put their energy into working out what they want to write.

We will end everyday by having a class story selected from a rich selection of class texts.

Activities to do at home

Please complete your discovery box challenge, activities include:

- Creating story puppets for the traditional tale "The three little pigs."
- Drawing your route to school.
- Going for a walk and then drawing/writing about your experience.

Continue to read with your child and check their understanding of the story.

Also, please continue to encourage children to practice their times tables (Two times tables booklet sent home).

Do not forget to take photographs and post them on Class Dojo.

Religious Education

This half term, our topic is Creation and Covenant. Pupils will explore the different ways in which revelation is experienced, beginning with revelation through Creation, then moving on to revelation in the incarnation of Jesus. Pupils will then understand a simple account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection before encountering the language and imagery of the revelation of God in the Holy Spirit.

Children will continue to plan and lead their own daily collective worship. Children will plan ways to gather, choose appropriate scripture, respond to the word and daily Catholic mission statements.