

# Y1/2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Street Detectives



Welcome back and we hope you have had a lovely summer break. We are looking forward to the new academic year and have lots of learning planned! For your information the Y1/2 teaching staff are as follows:

Y1/2DP—Mrs Patterson, supported by Mrs Dix and Mrs Marston.

Y1/2SW/HC—Mrs Weeks works Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Crocker works Thursday and Friday. They are supported by Mrs Foster.

Y1/2EH— Miss Hillary supported by Mrs Marston and Mrs Foster.

This half term our Imaginative Learning Project is entitled 'Street Detectives'. In English, we will be enjoying different stories linked to our theme. We will also look at shape poems and exploring non-fiction related to the theme. Our Maths will look at the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and also place value, money and shape.

Our Science focus will be on learning about everyday materials and their properties. We will look at different objects, what they are made of and why, as well as conducting some experiments.

Across the other curriculum areas we will use our theme as the basis for learning how the local area has changed over time and what key buildings are near to our school. We will also learn to make maps, including the use of a key. In addition, we will look at local artists and then, using our knowledge of materials, design and build a model house. Our computing will focus on the use of the iPads to take photographs and how to program the Bee-Bots.

We will use 'Meta-cognition' to teach the children about how they learn and we also teach the children about their rights and responsibilities as we are a 'Rights Respecting School'. As always, we will be using the 'Secrets of Success' to help with our learning.

Our RE unit is 'Holy Places' and we will be thinking about the special places both Christians and other religions, use for worship and in music lessons we will enjoy learning songs and singing together.

In PE this half term, the children will be doing gymnastics indoors and football outdoors. **PE kit should be brought to school on Monday and remain on pegs until Friday.** For football lessons, children will need suitable trainers and a warm hoody/jumper and tracksuit bottoms.

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### Diary Dates:

Monday 10th September—Parent Drop In Sessions

Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd October—Parent/Teacher Consultations

### Advanced Notice

Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th December—KS1 Christmas Performances @ 6pm

## Supporting Your Child at Home

### Reading

Your child will receive a Guided Reading Book each week. They will also be given a task to support their understanding. We encourage you to read with your child everyday, and to record their reading in the Reading Log. This may be the Guided Reading Book or any other books (the more reading the better)!

### Maths

Each month, your child will receive a Maths Target. We send homework that either supports this target or the current learning in school. There is no need to send maths homework back into school.

### Spelling (Focus Words)

Your child will also receive 'Focus Words' in a small orange book. These are words that relate to spellings patterns that we are looking at in school. It is important that your child knows the different spelling patterns they learn at school, so that they can apply them in their writing. There will be no weekly spelling test in Y1 or Y2.

We will be holding an Information Evening later in the term. This will be an opportunity for us to talk to you about how Phonics is taught in Y1/2. We will also talk about the curriculum in Y1 and Y2, so that you are aware of the expectations for your child's age.