Autumn 2 Newsletter Year 1

### **ENGLISH**

We continue our phonics journey learning to read set 1, 2 and 3 special friends and apply them when word reading.

In class reading lessons, we will continue listen to children read regularly and ask them questions about what they have read so that they can start to develop their comprehension, retrieval, and prediction skills.

In our writing lessons, children will create their own list poem based on the toys they might find in their own magical toy box. Also, we will create a character description of their own biscuit bear they will make. Then we will write a set of instructions for our delicious fruit salad we make in our design & technology unit.

### RE

Using the Gospels of Matthew and Luke in the Bible, we will answer, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will read the story of Jesus' birth and understand why Jesus is important to Christians. At the end, we will make some Christmas ornaments to show how Christmas is important to Christians using symbols.

#### **HISTORY**

We are heading back in time to the 1950s&60s. Children will learn what life, homes, toys, shops, and schools were like back then and compare the similarities and differences between now and then. At the end of the topic, the children will recreate and role play a day in a school during that time.

## **PSHE**

The next jigsaw piece in our Jigsaw journey is all about 'Celebrating Differences'. We will think about how similar and different we are to each other. We will also talk about what bullying is and how we can celebrate the differences between us.

# **Design & Technology**

Let's get our chef's hats and aprons on as we are heading to the kitchen this half term!

We will learn about different fruits and vegetables, how to use cooking equipment safely and finally make and evaluate a delicious fruit salad.



Mr Jones



St Martin's CE Primary School



Miss Stokes

# **MUSIC**

We will be learning to sing two songs: *Rhythm In The Way We Walk* by Joanna Mangona and *The Banana Rap* by Jane Sebba. The children will be focusing on the different dimensions of the music, including pitch.



# SCIENCE

This half term we will identify, classify and compare everyday materials. We will describe the physical properties of these materials and identify the basic structure of a plants including trees. We will continue to work scientifically, performing simple tests, making observations and use our findings to form conclusions.

#### **MATHS**

This half term, we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills up to 20. We will create our own real-life maths stories and work out word problems within 20.

Children will be introduced to some coins and notes. They will recognise their values and will add them together.

We will also learn about the days of the week and the order they go in. They will also be introduced to a clock face. We will distinguish between the minute and hour hands and read and draw times to o'clock.















#### **COMPUTING**

It's lights, camera, action in year 1 as we become TV chefs. We will learn how to use iPads to record, edit and add commentary to our own videos about making food, linking with our design & technology topic.

# INFORMATION

Our PE day is still **Wednesday**, and the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. Please remember to remove all jewellery on PE day.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and Reading Record to school every day.