

ENGLISH

Reading remains a focus in year 1 and we are continuing to learn our sounds during our daily RWI sessions. The children are reminded to find their special friends, then Fred talk before saying the word.

In writing, we will be continuing to focus on each sentence having a capital letter, full stop and finger space and being able to do this securely. This half term we will be writing captions, labels and lists for our geography maps and we will write a retell and a non-chronological report.

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 all.

ART AND DESIGN

Children will start the unit with the story 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds, learning how the smallest mark, like Vashti's dot, can be a piece of art.

They will then be introduced to the famous artist Paul Klee before completing their own work inspired by him.

MATHS

This half term we will continue to focus on the wide variety of strategies that we can use to solve addition and subtraction maths stories.

This secure knowledge will help us to create and draw basic and embellished real-life maths stories and then solve addition and subtraction word problems within the number 10.

We will round off the half term by learning about the 2 times table. This will prepare us for the Spring term where we will start our TT Rockstar journey. Look out for more information to follow.

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 decorations to show how Christmas is important to Christians using symbols.



Mrs Tomkinson



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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 from last half term.

GEOGRAPHY

Our local area will be our focus until Christmas, and we will be answering the big question: **What is it like where we live?**

We will venture out of school on our walk of the local area and gather information about what we can see on our way before returning to class to create a 3D map of Bradley.

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 be focusing on **celebrations** and how we use our senses. This builds on last half term's unit and we will think about using our eyes, ears and noses to discover what we can sense during a celebration like Diwali or Christmas. This will be done through observations and small investigations.

INFORMATION

Our PE day is **Monday**. Children should attend in full St Martin's PE kit on that day. **Please remember to remove all jewellery before entering school on PE day.**

Parents' Evening

We hope that you can join us on either Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th November to look at your child's books and to discuss their progress.