

# Spring 2: Learning in Year 1



## English

We will be starting this half term off with looking at stories by the same author. Our focus author will be Julia Donaldson. Julia Donaldson is a popular children's writer, we are exploring two of her books, The Gruffalo and Monkey Puzzle. We will then use our knowledge about animals to write a fact file about them.

## History and Geography

This half term, we are developing our knowledge within geography. We will revisit human and physical features. Instead of focussing on our local area, we are expanding our learning to Morecambe Bay. An exciting trip, to Morecambe, will help us recognise key landmarks and experience using technology to document our visit. We will be looking at a range of maps and aerial views to understand where Morecambe is.

## Art and DT

In Art this half term we will be painting with watercolours. We will specifically look at landscapes. Especially, the landscapes in our local area. We will look at work from artists who used watercolours, such as William Turner and Colin Pickering. Colin Pickering was born in Morecambe. He paints beautiful scenes of the Morecambe Bay.

## Music

Our new song which we will be exploring is "Round and Round". This is a Bossa Nova Latin style of music. We will be learning to sing the song, whilst playing instruments to the pulse of the music.

## Supporting your child with their learning

- Reading at home – we encourage our children to read at home at least **3 times** a week. Make sure to **sign your child's reading diary** when you listen to them read at home.
- Learning logs – each week we send homework tasks, linked to the learning that has taken place during the week. Try to complete as many of those tasks at home.

## Maths

We will start with looking halving and quartering numbers. Then we will move onto exploring mass and length. In addition and subtraction, we will be using a range of strategies to solve calculations. We will end the half term with learning about directions and time.

## P.E

In PE this half term we will focus on two fundamental movement skills. The over arm throw and rolling a ball. We will develop accuracy and learn how to use these skills in games.

## Phonics

This half term we will continue learning the Phase 5 Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence (GPC's). Graphemes are the written letters, Phonemes are the sounds that those letters make.

Our reading sessions will focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension.

## Science

In science this half term we will start by learning about animals. We will extend our understanding of animals by looking at other types of animals such as amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will learn about what different animals eat and whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. As well as learning about other animals we will learn to describe and compare them, thinking about their similarities and differences.

## Computing

This half term we will be looking at Computing. Following the scheme of Teach Computing, we will be programming a robot to move in different directions.

## PSHE

This half term our focus is drug, alcohol and tobacco education. We will learn about what we put into and on to our bodies and how they affect us. We will learn how these things make our bodies feel. We will learn all about who to ask for help if needed. We will also focus on ourselves and how to be proud of ourselves.

## R.E.

In R.E., we will be following Jesus through the Desert to the Garden. We will learn about the temptations Jesus is given from the devil and how he overcomes these. From the Desert, Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem. Here he shares his Last Supper with his Disciples. We will learn that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. This will lead us on to the time of Lent and Easter. During these weeks, we will make Lenten promises and learn about what Jesus gave up. Easter will be celebrated during Holy Week, where we will explore the different days leading up to Easter Sunday, through role play and assemblies.