

# Year 1 Spring 1 2022 Parents'/Carers' Leaflet

## Science

Our focus this half term is materials and their properties. We will give the children lots of opportunities to explore a wide range of everyday materials and will teach them the key vocabulary to describe their properties. We will plan an investigation to find out the best materials for building a den in the school garden.

## Geography

This half term we will be learning about the United Kingdom.

- We are learning about the four countries, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- We will explore the physical and human features in each country and learn about the four capital cities.
- We will sequence some toys from oldest to newest.

## English

We are reading the book The Three Little Pigs and will think about the use of story language, the characters and the key events. We will then learn how to use key writing skills and spell words from the story that will help us to write our own story about the Three Little Pigs. After we have read the traditional tale, we will then read an alternative version called The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. This will give us the opportunity to see how familiar tales can be given a twist.

## RE/ PSHE

Things that are special to us - We will be looking at special books from different faiths and our physical health and wellbeing. We will also be talking about the importance of physical activity, sleep and rest.

Look at our curriculum map to see what exciting things we will be learning this half term.

## PE

In Gymnastics we will be using the skills that we have already learnt to travel on, balance and jump safely off apparatus.

## Mathematics

This half term your children will be;

- ◆ KIRFS– halving numbers to 20
- ◆ Recognise and name 2D shapes.
- ◆ Addition and subtraction within 20
- ◆ Place value to 50

## Experience

- Den building
- A virtual tour of the UK

## Music

**Each of our weekly music lessons follows a familiar structure:**

- We name, listen to and talk about instruments
- We listen to and appraise a piece of music.
- We listen to music by our famous composer, Mozart.
- We learn and sing songs and create and follow a rhythm using shape cards.

## Creative Carousel

Art skills– Paper craft  
We will be learning how to create art works by rolling, folding, cutting and curling paper.  
We will be discussing paper collages and sculptures created by different artists.

## Computing

Programming

We will be learning how to input data to create a simple sequence.