

**LITERACY:** This term the children will begin by looking at and writing shape poetry with a winter theme.

We will then be looking at the traditional tale of 'The magic porridge pot.' We will be learning the story and writing our own alternative versions and we will also learn how to write a set of instructions on how to make porridge.

We will continue to concentrate on becoming 'sentence superstars' by including capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and making sure it makes sense. The children will also be developing their understanding of connecting words; focusing on 'and' to join two clauses in an extended sentence.

**NUMERACY:** We will begin the term by developing the children's understanding of place value within 20. They will count forwards and backwards and write numbers to 20 in numerals and words; learn how numbers are made up of tens and ones and compare and order numbers. Later in the term, we will move on to look at addition and subtraction within 20. The children will use lots of practical equipment to help develop their understanding of number bonds; they will add and subtract one digit and two digit numbers and solve problems involving addition and subtraction, including missing number problems.

**RE:** In RE this term, the children will be learning about Creation. Recognising that creation is part of the big story of the Bible and learning what the story tells Christians about God, creation and the world.

## Year 1 Spring term 1



## Our Super School.

**TOPIC:** Our topic this term is all about our school. The children will learn about compass points, maps and use directional language. They will plan a journey around the school, create a simple map of the school and answer questions all about it. We will talk about the playground games the children enjoy and learn about games that used to be played and games played at schools around the world. The children will learn about the history of the school from people who knew our school when it opened.

**ART:** In art this term, we will be focusing on painting and famous painters in particular Vincent Van Gogh. We will begin by looking at colour mixing and learning about primary and secondary colours as well as shades, tints, warm and cool colours. We will use the seasons to help us understand this and we will have a go at recreating the famous Van Gogh 'Starry Night' painting, with a winter twist.

**SCIENCE:** Year 1 will be learning about everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal and rock. The children will identify and name materials and have the opportunity to explore the properties of these materials. The children will carry out an investigation to help them decide which material would be most suitable to use for an umbrella.

**PE:** This term, in games, the children will be playing hockey. They will learn how to hold the stick correctly, pass and control the ball. In our indoor PE lesson, the children will be working on developing their skills in gymnastics.

**COMPUTING:** This term, we will be working with programmable toys. The children will learn how to create and write instructions; they will then use these skills to program a toy to move.

**MUSIC:** This term we will be focusing on beat and rhythm and trying to create steady beats on different musical instruments. We will also be listening to different pieces of music and discussing the mood that they create. We will also be finding out about the different instruments in an orchestra.

# St. Mary & St. John

## Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

### North Luffenham, Rutland



Headteacher: Mrs Fiona Wilce

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a super Christmas with your families and friends. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sent in cards, gifts and Christmas wishes, all the year 1 staff are extremely grateful. On the back of this letter is an overview of this term's topic and the areas of learning that we will be covering between now and next term. Our curriculum will change slightly this term with a move towards more whole class teaching in maths and English and a more structured timetable. As a result, show and tell will be on Fridays, when the timetable allows. This will only be for topic related items or news about a special event or visit that the children have participated in. Please can we remind you that children are not allowed to bring toys in to school.

To give you more information about some of the changes taking place this term we will be holding a curriculum information meeting on Monday 20th January at 5pm. If you will be attending, please email [clare.briggs@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:clare.briggs@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk) or [clare.reynolds@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:clare.reynolds@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk)

Please remember to send your child into school this term with warm coats, wellies, hats and gloves, that are all clearly labelled with their name, to allow them to enjoy break times and our outdoor learning sessions. The children will also need trainers, hoodies and tracksuit bottoms for their outdoor PE lessons.

This term, we ask that the children continue to spend at least ten minutes a day sharing a book with an adult at home. They will receive one house-point for every five parent comments in the reading record. We have decided to return to using this format in line with reception class, rather than the format used by year groups higher up the school where all five reads need to be in one week. In addition to reading at home, the children will now be expected to practise reading and spelling five of the Year One common exception words each week. Every Friday, in class, they will be tested on spelling the words. The children will all receive a spelling book, which contains the words the children need to learn each week with a space for them to practise at home. We will continue to hear the children read in school throughout the week within a variety of contexts and support their progress with the Read, Write, Inc. sessions, which take place four times a week.

To support the maths work we are doing in class, and to allow you to see how your child is progressing, we will be starting a system of online maths homework. Maths homework tasks will be set weekly; we will be sending your child's individual username and password after the curriculum meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January, along with details of how to access and use the MyMaths website.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Briggs and Mrs Reynolds

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*Let your light shine* Matthew 5:16

