



# Year 1 Learning Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term holiday.

The children really enjoyed the first half of the topic 'Can one person change the world?' especially completing our focus on significant astronauts, with 'Space Day' where the children took part in a variety of creative activities dressed in their amazing Space costumes!

This half term, we will continue to consider the question 'Can one person change the world? We will be learning in particular about Mary Anning and thinking about why her life was so significant. As part of learning about Mary Anning's fossil discoveries, we will be learning about dinosaurs and their history.



We will be having a Dino Day to mark the end of this topic. More details to follow.



### **English Learning**

This half term we will be:-

- Writing sentences based on historical facts
- Reading stories linked to the lives of the significant people we will be learning about in our Discover lessons
- Sequencing sentences to form short narratives based on these familiar stories
- Learning to use full stops correctly
- Writing our own dinosaur adventures

### Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at Place value to 50.

We will be learning how to:

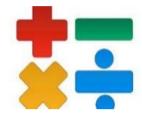
- Partition numbers into tens and ones and understanding the value of each digit
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s within 50
- Order and compare numbers within 50, using the language smallest, largest, less than and greater than
- Recall one more and one less

# **PSHE Learning**

This half term we are learning about Citizenship: the importance of rules and consequences of not following them; caring for the needs of babies, young children and animals; exploring our similarities and differences and an introduction to democracy.







#### **Scientific Learning**

Our topic this term is plants. We will learn about:

- The life cycle of plants •
- What seeds are made of and what conditions they need to grow into plants
- The parts of a plant, including those that we eat

### **Music Learning**

This half term's musical spotlight is all about 'Learning to Listen'. Listening is very important. We will explore how you can listen with your eyes and ears and how you can also feel sound in your body. We will try to answer the question: How Does Music Help Us to Understand Our Neighbours?

# **PE Learning**

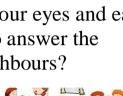
This half term we will be focusing on 'Throwing and Catching' learning basic ball handling skills. They will learn to control a ball when they are rolling and bouncing, throwing and catching, on their own, with a partner and in a group. The unit progresses from simple underarm catching to simple overarm throwing.

# **Faith and Wonder Learning**

We will be looking at the topic of Salvation and thinking about the question, 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?" We will be thinking about the happy and sad parts of the Easter story and what these events mean to Christians.









#### NE LOVE READING!

#### How can you help?

- Listen to your child read their reading book from school at least 5 times a week. Please make sure you write a short comment in their reading diary and check off on their homework sheet so that we can see this is happening at home. Your child can change their own book once they have read at home.
- Complete the homework tasks that are provided each week.
- Keep reading stories to your child to enrich their vocabulary and enjoyment of stories.
- Keep visiting Numbots and work through the levels.

#### Dates to be aware of for this half term:

 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day Children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character.



Further dates and information may come out from the Office throughout the half term.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our focuses, please let us know. Class emails: <u>chestnut@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk</u> <u>maple@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk</u> The Year 1 team