

### English Learning

In English, we will be looking at non-fiction books and learning about Space. We will learn to appreciate poetry and have a go at writing our own space poems.

We will learn:

- To listen to and discuss stories at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.
- To participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say.
- To leave spaces between words.
- To sequence sentences to form short narratives based on the Christian Christmas story.
- To read aloud their writing clearly.
- To appreciate poems and to recite some by heart.

### Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at:

#### \* Addition & Subtraction

- to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.
- add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including 0
- Number bonds to 10
- Comparing addition and subtraction statements.



#### \* Place Value

- Partitioning 10s and 1s and counting 1 more and 1 less.

#### \* Shape

- Sorting and recognising 2D and 3D shapes.



### PSHE Learning

This half term the topic is Me and My Relationships. Through this topic we shall be exploring ourselves and our relationships with others. We shall be looking at who is special to us, what makes our family special and how we can show love to them.

We'll also look at friendships involving what makes a good friend, similarities and differences between friends and what happens if we fall out. Finally, we shall talk about our class and how we can help each other feel valued and appreciated.

### Scientific Learning

Our topic this half term is about seasonal changes.

We will learn about:

- The names of the seasons
- The months that are associated with Autumn
- The changes that take place throughout Autumn
- The weather associated with autumn and how day length varies.



### Art Learning

We will be completing a range of art activities based on our topic of space.

We'll also be creating a moving picture in DT lessons.



### Music Learning

We are currently using a scheme in school called Charanga. The focus this half term is rhythm, with the end goal of performing a Banana Rap.

### Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at the topic of Incarnation - exploring the question, 'Why is Christmas important to Christians?'

### Computing Learning

We will be learning about Programming and exploring the Bee-Bots.



### PE Learning

We will be continuing to focus on invasion games, centred around a fairground theme. We have also been enjoying completing the Daily Mile.



### How can you help?

- If you can spare any time at morning drop off or any other time during the day to help with reading, then please speak to your child's class teacher. You may need to obtain a DBS check first (Please speak to the office ladies who can arrange this for you).
- Listen to your child read their reading book from school at least 5 times a week. Please make sure you write a short comment 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.

### Events/trips planned for this half term:

- Christmas colouring competition deadline: Wednesday 25th November
- Advent calendar Festive Fun: week beginning 30th November
- Christmas Pantomime - The Wizard of Oz: Tuesday 1st December
- Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children: Friday 11th December
- Christmas Party: Tuesday 15th December
- Christmas DVD and Popcorn: Friday 18th December

Just a gentle reminder that we do not allow toys in school. Please only allow your child to bring in items if they are linked to our topic. We also kindly ask that the children do not bring in rucksacks. We simply do not have the space for children to store these on their pegs.

If you have any queries please message us on Seesaw or email us at [chestnut@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk](mailto:chestnut@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk)  
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The Year 1 team

Mrs Martin      Miss Howes

Mrs Patterson (Thursday- Chestnut, Friday- Maple)



## Year 1 Learning

### Autumn Term 2

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing half term break!

The children all enjoyed last term's topic of 'Home Sweet Home' and wrote some super stories based on the book 'No Place Like Home' by Ronojoy Gosh. We appreciate all the amazing work the children have been doing at home, especially during the days when Year 1 needed to isolate away from school.



### Autumn Term 2 Topic: Blast Off!

This half term our topic is Space where we shall be looking at space explorers and famous people such as Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Helen Sharman.

We will be learning to:

- Identify the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements
- Identify significant historical events and people

