

Dear Year 1 families,

Welcome back to a new half term. The children have settled so well into Year 1 and are full of enthusiasm for learning. Our learning journey for this half term will be 'What's Special About Where We Live'



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### English

**Narrative:** We will be reading and sharing our opinions about the story 'In Every House on Every Street' by Jess Hitchman. Using this text as inspiration we will write a story about what happens in our own homes. To help us we will learn how to use verbs and adjectives to make our sentences more exciting.

**Information text:** We will also read a range of books by Harriet Brundle called 'Map My...'. We will start with 'Map My School'. We will create and label maps of our school and learn how to write sentences which give us information. This will help us to create our own information books about our school.

### Maths

**Addition and Subtraction:** We will be learning about number bonds to 10, using the part-whole model and a range of practical resources such as counters and Numicon to help us. We will also be learning how to write number sentences like this:  $4 + 2 = 6$

**Science** We will be learning how to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees, and identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

**Art:** We will be exploring painting this term, inspired by landscapes including those by Paul Cezanne. We will explore colour mixing, mark making and brushwork then create our own pieces of art inspired by our local area.

**Geography:** We will be learning about where we live, using resources such as Google Earth to find out more and finding out what the main uses for land are in our local area. We will also be finding out about the human and physical features of geography in our area and sharing this information with others.

**RE** – Our focus this term will be Christianity. We will be finding out what Christians believe about Jesus, learning why the Bible is important to Christians and understanding what Christians remember at Christmas.

**IT** – We will continue to learn how to use a computer independently this term. We will practise logging in to the computer using our own log in details and using programmes such as Google Earth to find information.

**Music** – We will continue to use our voices to sing lots of songs from memory, using expression and actions. We will be performing some songs for an audience at the end of term.

**P.E.** – This half term we will be focusing on throwing and catching skills. We will learn how to track and receive a ball, bounce a ball with control, move at different speeds and throw in different ways. Inside, we will be focusing on dance. We will be using the text 'Where the Wild Things Are' to inspire our movements.

### Reading Books

We change reading books on a Monday and Thursday. Please continue to read every day with your child at home. We love hearing how your child is reading at home so please remember to write a quick note in your Reading Record.

### PE: Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

### Home Learning

We will continue to post home learning suggestions for you on our class page on ItsLearning.