



# KS1 Autumn 2 Winter Wonders

## Our topic

This half term we will be looking at the wonderful season of Winter. We will be exploring the seasonal changes as we move into the colder months of the year and taking inspiration from poetry, art and music to immerse ourselves in a Winter wonderland. We will also be preparing for our Key Stage 1 Christmas production this half term – keep an eye on our school Twitter feed and website pages to find out this year’s production!

## Objectives we will cover this half term are...

<b>Science</b>	The Science objectives for the Autumn term were covering during Autumn 1. We will resume our Science learning in Spring 1.
<b>History</b>	In History this half term, we will be studying an event beyond living memory. We are going to be delving into the fascinating events of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We will be looking closely at the six men who devised the Gunpowder Plot and deciding who we think were guilty and not guilty by setting up our own courtroom and interviewing the suspects ourselves!
<b>Design and Technology</b>	As we covered the Art objectives in Autumn 1, we will be starting a new Design and Technology (DT) topic this half term. We will be designing, making and evaluating our own Winter box dioramas using a range of materials and adhesives.
<b>Computing</b>	In Computing, we will continue to develop our knowledge of e-safety by looking at cyber bullying and how we can reach out to others to protect ourselves online (this will link in with Anti-Bullying week). We will then be exploring coding and learning how to write codes to programme objects to move. Throughout our computing learning, we will also be recapping the basic functions and keys on a laptop to become more independent and confident with technology.
<b>RE</b>	In RE, we will be learning about the Creation Story and link this to what we know already about Christians. In the build up to Christmas we will explore why Jesus is so special to Christians and compare different celebrations to Christmas. We will also investigate why it is important to look after our world, making links to Geography.
<b>PE</b>	In PE this half term, we will be focusing on net/wall games. We will be learning a range of skills needed to play basketball and setting up our own team games to consolidate these skills. We will be practising our dribbling, shooting and tackling skills before competing against each other in team games.
<b>PSHE</b>	In PSHE, we will continue to look at feelings and friendships however we will move on to discuss stereotypes and how these can be harmful. We will explore gender stereotypes and offer different examples of families and friendships. We will also have a visit from Ann Foxley-Johnson as part of our Anti-Bullying work and we will learn about how to be safe and kind online.
<b>Music</b>	In Music this half term, we will be studying the songs ‘Rhythm in the way we walk!’ and ‘Banana Rap’ by Joanna Mangona and Jane Sebba. We will be listening and appraising other styles of music and continuing to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games and singing. Alongside this, we will be learning a range of Christmas songs in preparation for our KS1 Christmas production and Carols Around the Christmas Tree event.

## Reading

This term we will be reading a range of Winter poetry in our English lessons. We will be looking at how rhyming works and having a go at writing our own rhyming Winter poems.

We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child’s book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books regularly in class but please note that it is their responsibility to do so if they have finished with a book. Don’t forget that we now offer our brand-new library service on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school down in the Infant building.

## Spelling and Phonics

Spellings will be set every Friday and will consolidate your child's Phase 5 (Y1) and Phase 6 (Y2) phonics skills for this half term.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
<b>Autumn 1</b> <b>Year 1</b>	The split digraph sounds i-e and o-e  was	The split digraph sounds i-e and o-e  his	The split digraph sounds a-e and u-e The ar sound  were	The split digraph sounds a-e and u-e The ar sound is	The split digraph sounds a-e and u-e The ar sound has	The /ee/ and /ea/ sounds  your	The /ee/ and /ea/ sounds  be
<b>Autumn 1</b> <b>Year 2</b>	The /l/ sound  Spelled -el  Spelled -al	The /l/ sound  Spelled -il	The /ee/ sound spelled -y  Adding -es to nouns ending in -y	Words ending in -y	Adding -ed to words ending in -y  Adding -ing to words ending in -y	Adding -er to words ending in -y  Adding -est to words ending in -y	Words ending in e  Adding -er, -ed and -ing to words ending in -e

## Maths Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

We expect maths homework to be handed in by the date written in your child's book. If it is handed in late, your child may be expected to complete it during their break time in school.

## Creative Homework

To add to your child's learning experiences, we would like them to create something at home linked to our new topic, 'Winter Wonders'. This could be in the form of a written task, a piece of art work, a 3D model or an IT based creation such as a Powerpoint, Word document or video.

Below are a few ideas for inspiration:

- Create Winter in a jar (think glitter, cotton wool, sticky decals etc)
- Make a Winter snowglobe
- Create an icy winter scene (paint, wax crayon, collage, chalk)
- Write a Winter poem/fact file
- Make salt dough snowflake decorations
- Make a 3D snowman
- Design your own hot chocolate recipe
- Film a Winter weather report (green screen apps are perfect for this!)
- Make a Winter Powerpoint to share with the class
- Learn how to knit a Winter scarf
- Bake a Winter inspired cake

