



# KS1 Autumn 2

## Winter Wonderland



### Our topic

This half term we will be starting a new topic called 'Winter Wonderland' we will look at creating winter dioramas and looking at winter poetry. In addition to this, we will use extracts from the Chronicles of Narnia as a focus for our writing and creative work.

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

<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>	In Design and Technology, we will be learning all about levers and sliders. We will be using our knowledge to design, make and evaluate a Narnia inspired wardrobe out of a cardboard box that will feature a slider or lever.
<b>Computing</b>	In computing, we are looking using an online paint programme to create a picture by exploring the use of shapes, patterns and size. We will then be comparing our pictures produced with famous artists and discussing the comparisons of paintings with a paint programme.
<b>RE</b>	In RE this half term, we will be learning 'How do we say thank you for the beautiful Earth' which will include looking at the Creation Story. Towards the end of term, the work will be linked to Christmas Celebrations and thinking about the Good news of Christ being born and all the celebrations that occur around that.
<b>PE</b>	This half term, in PE, we will be learning various skills to support us with playing basketball. This will include dribbling, different throwing skills, aiming at the net and defending.
<b>PSHE</b>	In PSHCE, this half term we are continuing with Feelings and the Caring School, with a focus on bullying, including cyber bullying and emotions. Also, this term the children will be introduced to citizenship, as part of PSHCE
<b>Music</b>	This half term, we are learning the difference between pulse and rhythm in music. We will continue to develop our knowledge of the pulse in music and build on this by adding instruments and movement to our learning. In addition to this, we will look at musicians and composers and develop our understanding of how music makes us feel.

### Reading

This term we will be reading extracts from 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S Lewis. We will also look at a range of winter poetry in our English sessions.

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 weekly in line with their guided reading sessions.

**Do not forget about our library service that is on offer down in the Infant building.**

### Times Tables Rockstars

Your child should now have their login for Times Tables Rockstars. Remember to encourage them to practise their times tables with a focus on their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be setting plenty of challenges on TT Rockstars and might even go head to head against other year groups for the chance to win special prizes in school! Also, look out for our top rock stars on our school newsletter each week.

If you have any issues with your child's TT Rockstar login, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

**This is applicable for Year 2 from September 24 and Year Ones from January 25.**

**In Year 1, we will be introducing our new maths app called Numbots. You will have a new login put into your reading diary. Extra information will be sent via Arbor.**

### **Homework**

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis on our new home learning platform **Doodle**. 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.

### **Optional 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 Wonderland'. 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:**

- Can you freeze some water? How long did it take to melt?
- Make a shoe box winter wonderland diorama
- Create a fact file about the different types of weather/seasons
- Get snugly and watch The Chronicles of Narnia
- Write a winter poem
- Take photographs of winter weather