

## AUTUMN TERM 1

### YEAR 1

We have been pleasantly surprised with how resilient and keen to learn the children are following so many months of disruption to their schooling. It is clear that many of them have kept their learning going throughout the lockdown period and we'd like to thank all the parents and guardians for their hard work in this.

As well as teaching new material, we have been assessing and looking at where gaps are in children's learning and adapting our teaching to meet these needs.

### What we have been learning this term

#### MATHS

- We have been following the White Rose Maths framework and concentrating on Place Value. We have used **numicon**, **number lines**, **tens frames** and **objects to find 1 more than, 1 less than** and **missing numbers within number sentences** and **worded problems**. We have also learned how to use and apply the symbols for greater than, smaller than and equal to.

#### WRITING

- We have been developing the children's confidence to have a go at **sounding out** "green" words and remember "red" words, writing them down and not worrying about making mistakes. We have introduced the "Writing Superheroes" that help us to remember to use **capital letters**, **full stops** and **spaces between words**. We have learned to sequence the story of Goldilocks and talk about the main events. We have learned how to write instructions to make porridge and sandwiches.
- We have been working very hard on **letter formation**. It would be really helpful if you could practise this at home as it helps your child's confidence when writing independently. See the purple pages in the back of your child's reading diary for correct formation.

#### PHONICS

- We have been following the Read Write Inc phonics scheme in class and have now found the space to safely split the children into smaller groups in order to work at a pace that is appropriate to your child.

#### TOPIC WORK

Our topic this term was "Bears". We have enjoyed learning about what animals need to keep them alive, how they are made (skeletons) and how animals, like bears, compare to humans. We have learned facts about the countries of the UK by following Paddington's travels and created beautiful artwork by looking at bear faces, skeletons, signs of Autumn and portraiture. We have also learned about our five senses and how they compare to those of animals. We have been working on our throwing and catching skills with Mr Fisher in PE and balance in gymnastics. We have been practising yoga as well!

## **NEXT HALF TERM**

Our topic in November and December will be “Sparkle” where we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London, Guy Fawkes and the Christmas story. We will also be introducing the children to our ICT suite where they will be able to work on computers.