

# St Mary's CE Primary School



## Puffins, Kingfishers and Nightingales

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half-term break, we hope you had a relaxing week. Please find below an outline of the subjects we will be covering this half-term in Year One. We hope that this will help you to support your children's learning at home.

<b>Topic</b>	<b><u>Houses and Homes</u></b>
<b>Key Question</b>	<b><u>What does my dream home look like?</u></b>
<b>Hook</b>	For our Hook the children will take part in a Houses and Homes hook day. During this day they will design a dream home, use construction to build a home and investigate den building.
<b>Great Work</b>	Share, show and build morning with link class.
<b>History</b>	<b>Changes within living memory. Who was Grace Darling?</b> The children will learn about Grace Darling and her heroic achievements. They will learn about the personal life of Grace Darling, gaining a greater understanding of her background and discussing the differences between Grace's life and her own.
<b>Science</b>	<b>Everyday Materials. Which materials should the Three Little Pigs use to build their houses?</b> The children will learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials; wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. They will be taught to describe simple physical properties of these materials and will compare and group them together.
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths we will be focusing on numbers to 100 including: counting, writing, comparing and completing number sequences. We will introduce fractions using halves and quarters and discuss sharing and grouping. The children will also be introduced to time we will look at o'clock, half past, minutes and seconds. They will also use the language; next, before, after and the days of the week and months of the year. Lastly we will focus on money and recognising coins and notes.
<b>English</b>	In English we will be looking at well loved stories including The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children will learn to spell the days of the week using capital letters. We will then be adapting the story changing the character and key elements to write our own stories.
<b>PE</b>	PE will continue to focus on games and gym. In games the children will be developing their ball skills and in gymnastics the children will be working on flight, bouncing, jumping and landing.

<b>RE</b>	<b>What are God's rules for living? Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?</b> The children will look at the Ten Commandments and what these mean to Christians. We will focus on the story of Easter and cover Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday and what these teach us about Jesus.
<b>Computing</b>	<b>How can we move around maps?</b> The children will be using bee-bots on a grid. They will learn to use positional language to create an algorithm which will direct the beebot around the grid.
<b>DT</b>	<b>How can we make a sturdy structure?</b> We will be looking at structures in real life, testing materials and selecting the most appropriate for the brief. The children will design and create a structure that meets the specifications
<b>Music</b>	We will be focusing on the unit <b>Round and Round</b> . This is a unit that explores different styles of music including: Latin Bossa Nova, Film Music, Big Band Jazz, Mash-up and Latin fusion.
<b>PSHCE</b>	We will be learning about <b>Safety Contexts</b> . The children will learn about road safety, ways to stay safe in the sun and near water and the best actions to take if they get lost and how to stay safe when playing.

Yours sincerely,

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