

Valence Primary

LITERACY

During this half term Year 1 will be:

- Reading and writing about The Tiger who came to Tea, Lima's Red Hot Chilli and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. These are linked to our theme of Food and Senses. We will also be practising our writing skills in other curriculum areas.
- Continuing our phonics program of study called Storytime phonics – this will link popular storybooks and phonics together
- Improving our reading skills by reading regularly at home and in school.
- Practising our letter formation and learning cursive handwriting.

A large portion of our time will be spent focusing on reading this term. Children will have a dedicated time throughout the day to practice specific reading skills as well as daily D.E.A.R. time.

R.E. and PSHE

PSHE

To better support children's return to school life, we will be devoting a larger portion of our curriculum time to PSHE. This will allow us to support children's mental health and support them in adapting to changes through appropriate activities. In year one children will have a short PSHE lesson each day. Over this half term we will cover: Mindfulness and mental health skills, learning to deal with changes positively, exploring new beginnings and how to make good relationships with friends.

In R.E. we will be learning about:

- What it means to belong
- How believers show they belong
- Religions studied are Christianity, Islam and Sikhism



Year One

AUTUMN 1

PE: Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day.

Homework: Children are expected to read every day and note this in their reading records.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term we will be:

- Naming and Locating four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.
- Studying seasonal and weather patterns
- Understanding basic geographical vocab and using four compass directions

COMPUTING

Computing we will be:

- Learning about E- safety.
- Learning about cyber bullying.

P.E.

Year 1 children will have two PE lessons a week on Monday and Friday. Our P.E topics this half term are football and big ball skills.

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

School doors open at 8:40 and close at 8:50 promptly

MATHS

This half term we will be:

- Practising writing our numbers correctly
- Counting forwards and backwards from 0 to at least 20,
- Counting groups of objects
- Finding one more or one less of a given number
- Ordering numbers to 20 and 30
- Finding out about the value of numbers.
- Adding and subtracting amounts practically with objects and using a number line.

CREATIVE ARTS

(ART/DT/MUSIC)

In our creative Arts, children will be learning:

- **Art** – Painting their own faces, studying the artists Picasso and Archimboldo and creating artwork using fruit.
- **DT** – Cooking: Making fruit smoothies
- **Music**- Learning how music can be used to tell a story. Identifying contrasts of fast, slow, loud and quiet, leading to a performance.

SCIENCE

In our first half term we will be:

- Identifying, naming, drawing and labelling basic parts of the human body and saying which parts of the body is associated with each sense.
- Testing our senses with tasting, hearing and smelling different things.