English

This half term in English we will continue to develop our writing through a range of fiction text-based units, including Where to Hide a Star and Father Christmas. Children will work to become more confident in extending their sentences using conjunctions and writing to describe.
Our class author for this half term is Oliver Jeffers and we will be sharing his books as a class. We have been amazed by the wonderful spelling activities children have completed in their home spelling books and we hope that children become confident to spell these words in their writing.

R.E.

This half term in R.E. we will be learning how the giving of gifts is celebrated in each religion. We will look at a range of traditions and festivals that all share the common theme of giving.

This half term also features a range of focus weeks such as the celebration of Diwali and Advent.

Maths

This half term our maths focus is on addition and subtraction within ten, equipping children with the learning language and strategies to confidently add and subtract using smaller numbers. These strategies will then be applied to greater numbers throughout the year. We will end the Autumn term by covering the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

We are Geographers!
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PSHE

This half term, children will participate in a range of focus weeks, including Anti-Bullying and Road Safety week. We will also focus on friendships in our Healthy Mind, Happy Me lessons. Children will discuss the qualities of a good friend and consider how they can resolve conflicts as they arise.

Geography

Children will be introduced to the language and skills of geographers this half term. We will explore the human and physical features of areas as well as the landmarks of an area. Children will begin to devise simple maps and develop an understanding of how symbols and keys are used in a map.

Science

Our science learning this half term is all about materials. Children will begin to understand the difference between objects and the materials they are made from and which materials are best suited for a range of purposes. We will practically explore the properties of everyday materials and culminate our learning in choosing a material that is best suited to making an umbrella for a teddy bear! Each week, children will develop their scientific skills and think like scientists to support their learning.

PE

On Tuesday afternoons, children will continue to visit Early Years, accessing both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. As the weather gets colder and muddier, children will need their wellies and waterproofs to access the outdoor areas.
Indoor PE with Mr Homer will take place on Thursday afternoons.

Music

This half term, children will be learning about how percussion instruments can be used to create underwater themed music. We will also spend plenty of time rehearsing for our Key Stage 1 Carol Concert in Decemeber.

This half term, our focus is on developing children's understanding of the subject geography. We will be equipping them with the language of geographers and discussing a range of places, maps and geographical features.

If your child would like to share pictures or maps of the places they have visited, we would love to see these in class!

We have set up a Year 1 home learning email address so you can easily share pictures with us –

year1_homelearning@oakham.sandwell.sch.uk

(Please note that this email address is for the sharing of home learning only, and we cannot respond to concerns or queries submitted via this email address – if you do have any concerns or queries, please use the usual channels)

We have also sent home spelling books with children and have also uploaded a maths home learning document to the school website as we know many children are keen to continue their fantastic maths learning at home!



We can't wait to hear all about your fantastic home learning!

Mrs Robson and Miss Ross ☺