

# Year 1 - Traction Man is Here!

## Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter









#### Maths

We will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction and focus especially on learning and memorising our number bonds to and within 10 (all the different ways numbers to 10 can be made with larger numbers). With larger numbers. Ask us about the part, part, whole model and how it helps us understand numbers and number bonds! Later in the term we will be telling the time to the hour and identifying and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

### Geography

We will be learning about our Local area. We will be exploring maps and looking at the human and physical features of the surrounding environment.

#### PE

Our focus this half term is: FUNS6 Dynamic Balance/agility FUNS2 Seated Balance Core Strength.

#### RE

Focussing on the concept of 'Journeys' we will be thinking about the different journeys in the Christian nativity story.

## **Phonics**

We will be reading longer words including those with clusters of consonants and beginning to learn Phase 5 graphemes, which give us alternate spellings for sounds we already know.

#### **PSHE**

Continuing our work on 'Relationships' we will be learning what it means to keep something private, including parts of the body that are private. We will re-visit the concept of touch and why it is important to ask/give permission. We will be considering what kind and unkind behaviour mean in and out of school and how kind and unkind behaviour can make people feel.

#### Science

We will be learning about different types of materials. We will learn the difference between objects and materials, sort objects by their materials and investigate and describe the properties of different types of materials.

### Computing

We will be introducing the children to the world of technology. We will be exploring what technology is, how it can help us and devise rules to keep us safe. Using laptops we will learn how to type and save our work.

## **English**

Our English work for this half term will be based on the book Traction Man is Here! By Mini Grey. We will be supporting the children to develop their writing by using joining words (e.g. and) to write longer sentences. We will introduce the children to adjectives, which they will use to describe a character. We will be concentrating especially hard on making sure we are using capital letters and full stops correctly, and continuing to focus on our handwriting and letter formation.

#### Music

There will be plenty of singing as we prepare for our nativity performance.

#### DT

We will be creating a portable snack for Traction Man to take on his rescue missions. The children will learn about different foods and where food comes from as well as the correct skills and techniques for preparing food.

## Home Learning Information Update

Home learning expectations for this term:



## Bug Club

Log in at least 2 x per week and access the assigned book / games



## Reading

Read school reading book with an adult at least 3 x per week. Short (5-10 minute) sessions are best

## Written Activity

A short activity linked to the learning in class, which will come home on a **Friday** and be due in on the following **Thursday** 

Thank you for your support - it really makes a difference to the children's learning in class!

These are the sounds we consolidated last half term. Children should be able to recognise and say each sound, and use each sound in their writing.

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ck qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa
oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er

ona Short

This term we will begin to introduce Phase 5 graphemes, which are alternative spellings for sounds the children already know. You can find these on the sound mat sent home with this newsletter.

We will also start sending home flashcards with the phonics we have been learning in class on them. These will help you practice the sounds and spellings with your children at home.



## Optional Home Learning

#### Winter Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk and see how many signs of winter you can find, such as bare trees, frost, ice, and more. You can upload photos of your discoveries to ClassDojo, or gather items to create a winter collage.

#### **Compass Directions**

Find out which way is North, South, East and West from your house. Go on a walk and give instructions to the adult with you using compass directions e.g. say turn North instead of turn right.

#### Materials Exploration

Have a look around your home for objects that are made out of different materials. What are the features of that material (strong, rough, smooth) Why do you think the object is made out of this material?

#### My Superhero

In English, we are exploring Traction Man. Can you design and create your own superhero, with lots of special features to help you to complete your missions. You could draw your superhero or build it e.g. from Lego or junk modelling.