



Year 1 – Autumn Term 1

Welcome to a brand new school year and welcome to Year 1! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break and have recharged your batteries ready for all the exciting learning we have planned for the Autumn term. Also, remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and keep an eye on our Twitter page (@GPSBeech) where we share much of our learning.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 20th September – KS1
Welcome to Year Group Meetings.

Wednesday 4th October – KS1 trip to
Astley Park.

Wednesday 11th October – Harvest Festival
at Trinity Church (parents invited)

Wednesday 18th October – Autumn Disco

Friday 20th October – School Closes for half
term

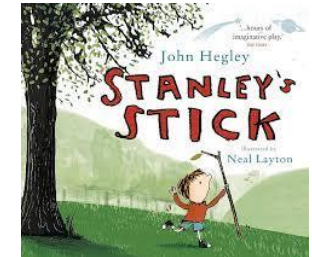
English

This half term in English, we will be writing a piece of fiction and poetry. We will be creating simple poems, prayers and retelling known stories, adding our own twist at the end.

We will be reading and enjoying texts linked to themes of Harvest, Plants and other Living things. Our focused text for writing this term will be: Stanley's Stick.

Children will learn to write a simple sentence that makes sense and includes capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Children will read and write phase 3 tricky words (he, she, we, me, be, was, my, you, they, her, all, are, the, to, no, go).



Phonics

We will revisit and revise all phase 3 graphemes (y, z, zz, qu; Consonant digraphs: ch, sh, th, ng; Vowel digraphs: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er). We will then begin Phase 4 phonemes, starting with :oe, ay, ew, ea, ie,aw, au and ir.

Reading

In reading this half term, we will read a range of fiction, poetry and non-fiction texts related to Harvest, Plants and living things. Using Mrs Clayton's Mystery Books, we will also focus on the skill of reading for pleasure and we will be using the books to develop comprehension and inference skills.

Reading books will continue to be changed weekly, on a Monday, and remember to complete the reading challenge to be in with a chance of winning a token for the book vending machine!

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on addition, subtraction and place value, learning the following skills. We will learn to:

- Identify one more than a given number
- Identify one less than a given number.
- Identify and represent numbers using concrete objects, pictures and number lines.
- Use the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least.
- Read, write and understand mathematical statements involving (+) addition, (-) subtraction and (=) equal signs.

Science

This half term Year 1 our topic is Plants. We will be planting and observing the growth of our own flowers. We will learn the common names of flowers, identify examples of deciduous and evergreen trees and plant structures (including leaves, flowers, blossom, petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches, stem).

RE

Through our central question 'What do people say about God?' We will be thinking about God within the religion of Christianity. We will be asking: Why do Christians say that God is a 'Father'? and we will write our own simple prayers.

PSHE

Our topic will be 'Me and my relationships'. Children will learn about why we have classroom rules, the importance of good listening, understanding our own and other people's feelings as well as how to be a good friend to others linking this with our school value of kindness.

Music

In music, children will take part in learning and singing songs for the Harvest Festival. Children will also learn how to play simple melodies on the glockenspiel and be able to play in front of an audience.

Geography and History Unit

In History we will be learning all about Gillibrand and the local community and how it has changed in the last 100 years, focusing mainly on the history of our school. We will learn about what our school looks like now (classrooms, grounds, equipment, staff etc). Also, the children will be asking other adults (teachers, parents, past pupils and neighbours), their memories of Gillibrand Primary School. So that we can find out what has changed in their living memory. The children will also experience what it would have been like to go to school a 100 years ago, so that they can make comparisons to the present day.

In Geography we will be learning about physical and human features and their meanings. We will explore the school ground and the local area, carrying out simple data collection activities to identify these key features. Linking in with Science, we will be able to discuss how trees may look different in winter compared to summer. The children will also explore the 4 points of a compass (NSEW) through playing a variety of games and will use 2d/3d shapes to recreate a map in groups of our school, constructing a simple key.

DT

This half term, in DT our focus will be on cooking! We will be focusing on the practical skills of baking; reading recipes, mixing, shaping and assembling delicious Chorley Cakes! Which links into our topic work, based on Gillibrand, Chorley.

Computing

In computing, we will be learning how to log onto a computer and create text using Microsoft Office. Children will turn on and use an iPad to complete a simple programme or App (EdShed). Children will create text in PicCollage.

PE

This half term the focus on PE will be fundamental movement skills and developing our ball skills. Children will take part in two PE lessons a week. They will build on skills acquired in EYFS to start to develop quality movements in running, jumping, walking, skipping etc.