



Year 1 Autumn Term 2

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful half term and had lots of fun! Thank you for all your hard work during Autumn 1 - lots of great work was produced and the class really settled well into the new routines of Year 1. This is always the busiest of half terms and we have lots of exciting things planned, including our Christmas nativity! Remember to look at our latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSBeech](https://twitter.com/GPSBeech) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 1!

Important Dates:

Wednesday 8th November – Parent’s Evening
Thursday 9th November – World Science Investigation Day
Friday 10th November – Staff INSET
Friday 1st December – Christmas shop non-uniform day
Friday 9th December – Christmas shop
Thursday 14th December – Year 2 Christingle Service
Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
Monday 18th December – Nativity performance for the local community
Tuesday 19th December – Nativity performance for parents – 10am and 5pm
Wednesday 20th December – Ks1 Christmas Party
Friday 22nd December – £1 non-uniform day and finish for Christmas

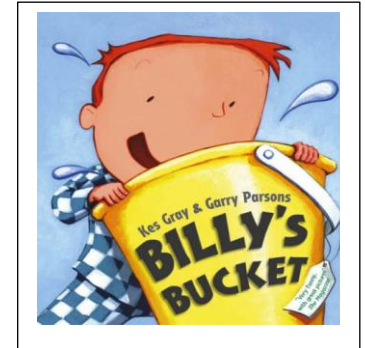
Phonics

In Phonics we are using a Government approved scheme called Phonics Shed. Children will be continuing Chapter 3 and 4a looking at the graphemes: ai, or, oy, ure, air, ear.

English

In English this half term, we will be focusing on ‘Billy’s Bucket’ by Kes Gray. We will immerse ourselves with this story, creating questions about the characters and having lots of speaking and listening opportunities to retell the story. The children will retell the story using simple sentences that make sense.

As Christmas approaches, we will be looking at Christmas texts, and writing letters to our cheeky class elf and to Father Christmas himself! Throughout our writing, we will be concentrating upon using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops correctly and using question marks at the end of sentences.



Reading

In Year 1, we will continue to enjoy daily reading of a range of picture books, non-fiction books and poetry. **Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday.**

Remember the more you read the more reading Dojo’s you can achieve!

Maths

In Maths this half-term we will continue our focus on number and place value alongside addition and subtraction with numbers up to 10. Introducing part/part/whole models, number sentences, fact families and number bonds within 10.

We will be introducing shape and space. We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and the different properties of each shape. The children will even have their very own pet shapes to look after.

Science

This half term, we will continue to learn about Plants, planting and observing the growth of our very own bean. We will be learning the common names of flowers, identify examples of deciduous and evergreen trees and plant structures. We will also continue learning about the seasons and the weather in the UK.

RE

In RE we will be learning about why Jesus is special to Christians? The children will be exploring the Christmas nativity story and why Jesus is believed to be a special baby. The idea of Jesus as a 'gift' will be introduced to the children and why Christians celebrate his birth at Christmas-time.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be continuing our 'Valuing Different' topic. We will be learning about what is the same and different about us. Thinking about unkind behaviour and how to deal with our emotions when we think something is not fair. Finally, we will think about who our special people are.

Music

This half term we will be learning the songs that we will be performing in this year's Nativity, using our voices expressively and creatively. We will also be looking at playing a simple Christmas song on the glockenspiel.

History and Geography Knowledge

In history and geography, we will continue to learn about Gillibrand Primary School and the local community. We will investigate the Gillibrand family and their significance to us and our school. Walking to Gillibrand Hall, to investigate the grounds in which our school is built. We will be looking at key historical sources like maps, school plans and photographs to identify differences between then and now.

In geography, we will continue to build on our knowledge of Human and Physical features, creating a 3D map of the school. 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.

DT

This half term we will be linking our DT project to Christmas by designing and creating a toy puppet, using our textile skills. We will begin to use simple stitches such as running stitch.

Computing

In computing we will be learning about information technology at school and at home and how it can be used in our daily lives. We will also be revisiting online safety to ensure we understand and use the rules for keeping safe whilst online.

PE

In PE this half term the children will be mastering the skills of Gymnastics, rolling, jumping and forming different shapes. We will be learning how to travel, using rolls and jumps and how to sequence two different movements into a routine using apparatus. **P.E days will be: Monday and Friday.**