

# Year 1 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 1 over this half term.

## TOPIC - THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

### Knowledge and Understanding of The World

- In science we will be looking at different materials. This will involve sorting materials into different groups according to their properties and using our senses to describe them.
- We will be going for a walk around Baldock to look at the different types of homes, their ages and the materials that are used.
- The children will be using computer graphics to create pictures of houses and will continue to save and print their work.
- We will be beginning to make maps of journeys and school and think about features in the local environment. *Please can you talk about features in your road (eg lamp posts, post box, hills etc).*
- In RE we will be focussing on 'Judaism' and looking at some Christian stories which link to our topic.
- Children will be using ICT across all areas of the curriculum.

### Physical Development

Premier Sports will continue to be working with the children in games on Wednesday afternoons. Class teacher will be teaching gymnastics.

### PSHE

Our topic is 'Going for Goals' and we will be thinking about new year resolutions and what we need to do to achieve them.

### Mathematics

This half term we will be focussing on calculation and place value. The children will be practising splitting numbers into tens and units. They will learn how to add and take away 10 from a number and which digit changes. *Can you talk to your child about the number system and encourage them to count 10ps and 1ps (up to 100). We will also begin to look at time and learn o'clock and half past the hour. Can you talk to your child about time and comment on the time you get up, have lunch, go shopping etc.*

## Through the Keyhole



### Literacy

This half term we will continue to retell our news each week focussing on using interesting words and different ways of starting sentences. *Please could you talk about weekend news before school on Mondays.* We will continue to teach the skills for reading and writing in our phonics lessons be practising some of the skills in guided reading sessions. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books. *When listening to your child read, please could you talk about the differences between the books.*

### Creative Development

- The children will use various materials and techniques to make homes and buildings.
- We will be investigating how to make pictures interactive.
- We will be having a role play/small world shop. *Do you have any items at home we could use?*
- This term the children will be using a variety of materials to explore the different sounds they can make. We will be focussing on rhythm.
- The children will also learn to sing new hymns in assembly.