



### English:

As always, our initial focus this term will be to continue to build the children's vocabulary. We will read William Shakespeare's play 'The Merchant of Venice', and use a range of techniques to access the language within the text. The children will also be given the opportunity to write both character and setting descriptions. We will then read 'Cinderella', and the children will be supported in writing a narrative recount, which links with the third text we will read; 'Princess Smartypants'. The children will be writing their own character profile, and their knowledge and understanding of instructions will also be enhanced.

### Maths:

Year 1 will focus on developing their knowledge of numbers to 40, and then numbers to 100. We will continue to work on writing numbers and also spelling them with accuracy, in addition to using tens, ones and introducing place value. Our aim is to develop the children's ability to work with higher numbers, count with accuracy and represent number in various ways. We will also learn the names of 3D and 2D shape as well as positional language.

### Phonics:

Please ensure your child continues to practise Read Write Inc sounds at home on a daily basis. This will not only enhance the children's knowledge and allow them to learn new sounds, but encourage them to apply them in the writing too.

### History:

This term, we will learn about and compare the lives and achievements of Mary Seacole, and Edith Cavell who were nurses – alongside this we will have a visit from a modern-day nurse who will talk to us about the ways in which she helps people. Our RE lessons will focus on why the Bible is special to Christians and what Christians learn from Bible stories. In Science, we will be exploring and identifying a range of materials and what different objects are made of. In PSHE we will begin to explore the topic of Dreams and Goals'. In Art the children will look at paintings inspired by seascapes and use powder paint to mix colours. In Computing lessons for this half term will be based around programming and moving a robot – we will learn to use a mini robot and program it to move to a desired location.

### Ways to help at home:

- Listen to your child read at **least three times a week**. Every child takes home a reading book. Please use the reading record to note down when you have read with your child.
- Encourage children to use [www.mangahigh.com](http://www.mangahigh.com) to support their maths and [www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk)
- Support with the weekly **homework** and **spellings**.
- Spend time recalling number and counting with accuracy - this will help the children become more confident and fluent when working with number.

### Other information:

- PE will take place on a **Wednesday** please ensure PE kit is in school.
- Homework will be set every Thursday and expected to be completed by the following Wednesday.