Chapter 1 Learning Journey

English

This half term, the children will be studying the book *Rapunzel* by Bethan Woollvin. Pupils will use this vehicle text to continue developing their sentence-writing skills, focusing on the accurate use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They will explore vocabulary from the text and learn to use the conjunction *and* to extend their ideas. The children will work towards writing a traditional tale and a set of instructions. During phonics sessions, the children will continue to participate in streamlined groups, learning Set 1, Set 2 or Set 3 sounds.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 10. They will explore how numbers are made up of different parts and represent these using part-whole models. The children will develop their understanding of number sentences, addition and subtraction facts, fact families, and number bonds within 10 and to 10. Using practical resources and pictorial representations, the children will learn to add and subtract numbers, find missing parts, and solve simple mathematical problems. They will also use number lines to support their calculations and begin to add and subtract 1 and 2. Throughout the unit, the children will be encouraged to explain their mathematical thinking and apply their learning through reasoning and problem-solving activities

Science

This half term, the children will identify and name different parts of the body and explore what their bodies can do. They will then learn about each of the five senses through a range of engaging activities and investigations, developing their understanding of how we use our senses to explore the world around us.

Geography

During this half term, Year 1 will be learning about the four seasons. They will identify which months belong to each season and begin to develop an understanding of how the weather changes throughout the year. The children will spend time outdoors exploring the signs of autumn and winter, observing seasonal changes and recording their findings through a range of practical activities and investigations.

DT

This half term, the children will learn how to manipulate paper and other materials to create different shapes and structures. They will develop their cutting, joining and shaping skills while thinking creatively to design and make a house from craft materials. The children will investigate different ways of attaching materials and explore which structures are the strongest. They will also consider the appearance of their designs, making thoughtful choices about colour, shape and decoration.

Spanish

This half term, Year 1 pupils will learn to recognise and respond to a range of classroom commands in Spanish. They will practise simple dialogues, including greeting one another, saying their name and expressing how they feel. The children will also learn colours and practise counting from 1 to 10.

Towards the end of the half term, they will explore Spanish Christmas traditions and learn a Spanish Christmas song.

Physical Education

This half term, the children in Year 1 will develop their balance, coordination and control through gymnastics. They will learn a range of ways to travel, perform different jumps and balances, and explore how to use both small and large body parts effectively. The children will also create simple sequences by linking movements such as jumps and rolls together. As their confidence grows, they will have opportunities to explore the gymnastic apparatus and transfer their floor skills onto a range of equipment.

Computing

This half term, the children in Year 1 will be using computers to complete the Digital Painting unit. Through a range of creative activities, they will learn how to create and edit digital artwork using different painting tools and techniques. Each week, the children will access the computer room to create a piece of digital art, developing their confidence and skills in using technology creatively.

Music

Tinsel and Christmas Magic This term the children will develop their understanding of the Nativity story. They will sing songs to explain the story alongside demonstrating increasing understanding of pulse and rhythm, strong and weak beats. They will perform as a class in their Christmas Nativity performance. This will include rhythmical and pulse demonstration. They will also 'lead' singing – supporting EYFS.

Religious Education

This half term, the children will begin to think about what God is like and why people have different ideas about God. They will explore a range of ways that God is represented and consider why describing or understanding God can be challenging. The children will discuss similarities and differences between these representations, while also sharing and reflecting on their own beliefs and ideas in a respectful and thoughtful way.

PSHE

This half term, our PSHE lessons will focus on the theme of Celebrating Difference. Children will explore what makes each of us unique and learn to appreciate and respect the differences between people. Through engaging discussions, activities and stories, pupils will develop their understanding of kindness, empathy, friendship and inclusion. They will consider how to recognise and challenge bullying, how to show respect for others, and how to celebrate the diverse qualities and experiences that make our school community special.

LC+

This half term in LC+, the children will be working towards their winter production. They will develop their confidence in performing by learning songs, practising actions and rehearsing their parts as part of a group. The children will also work on using clear voices, listening carefully to others and performing in front of an audience. Through rehearsals and performances, they will build teamwork, communication and self-confidence skills.