

## Year 1 Class Curriculum Newsletter - December 2020

### Year 1 Celebration Newsletter



In Year 1 the children have had a busy half term and have worked extremely hard; they are now enjoying the lead up to Christmas with lots of fun, creative activities!

On the Showcase day it was lovely to see the children share their super work with the class; they showed confidence when talking about their ideas and work with their peers.

The children have particularly enjoyed games with 'Coach Chris'; they have followed instructions and worked well in team games.

The children enjoyed learning the Christmas performance songs; they sang beautifully and were super stars during the filming!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through email [nowen@birches.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:nowen@birches.staffs.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Miss Owen, Mrs Hine, Mrs Banks and Miss Spears

### English

We have read a range of stories with repeated patterns and traditional stories. The children have created some great story maps and fantastic writing about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have particularly enjoyed the Jolly Postman stories which have linked well to Christmas and writing letters to

### Arts / Design Technology

The children have explored shape, line and colour in Art; they have based their own ideas on work by different artists including Kandinsky, Bridget Riley and David Hockney.

### Religious Education

The children have been learning about 'Belonging' where they have been finding out about ceremonies and sharing special moments.

### Computing

We have talked about ways in which we can stay safe whilst using the internet and the reasons for staying safe.

### Humanities

The children have been learning about their immediate environment.

They have been exploring the school environment using first hand observational skills to create and use maps of the local area.

They have produced some super road safety posters and have been keen to find out about different road signs.

### Maths

In Maths we have been learning about addition using a part-whole model and fact families. The children have worked in a practical way using counters, cubes and a part-whole model to explore and record fact families.

### Science / STEM

The children have enjoyed handling a range of materials; they can identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal and rocks. They can describe, compare and group objects together using their properties. They have enjoyed exploring the use of materials for a range of purposes.

### PSHE

The children have talked about their family and friendships. They have listened well to each other and have shown confidence when sharing their ideas.