



Welcome Parents and Carers

Year 1

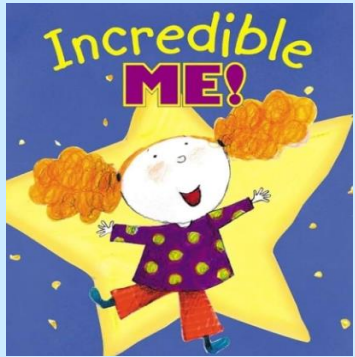
Topics and coverage during the
Autumn 2 half term.

Year 1 topics

This is where we
are right now.



Incredible
Me



Superheroes



Paws Scales
& Tails



Let's Explore



Bright Lights,
Busy City



Sensational
Skies



We use these topics as a stimulus for cross-curricular teaching.

Our current topic

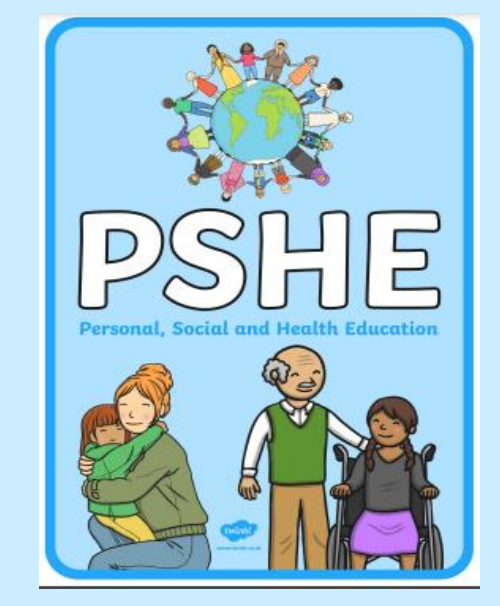
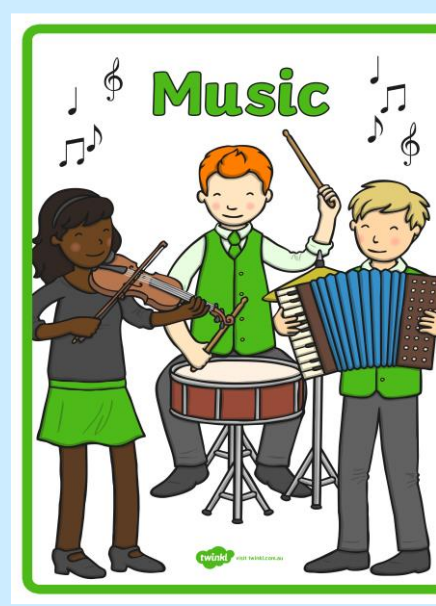
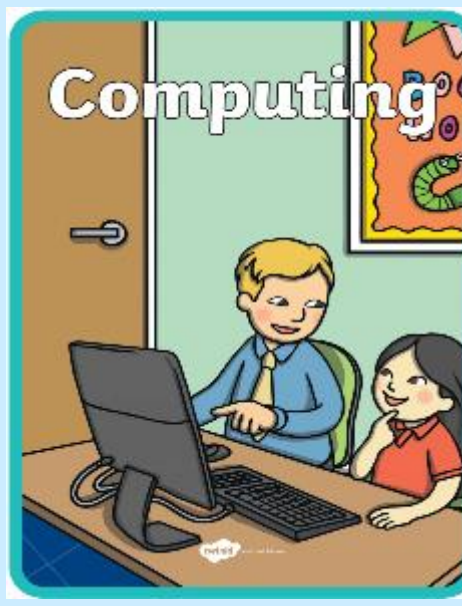
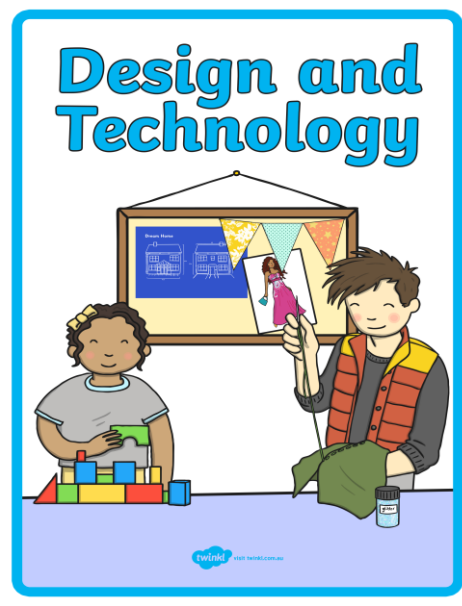
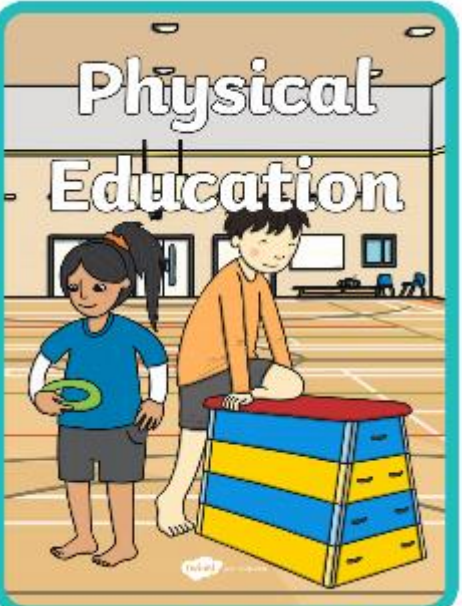
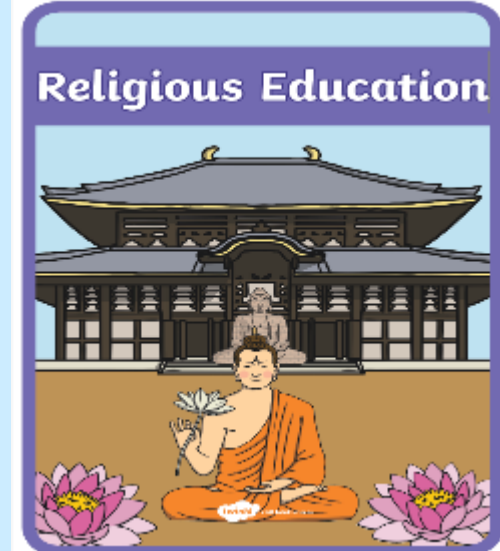
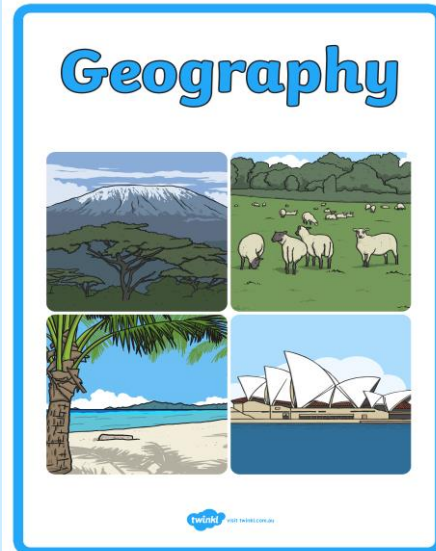
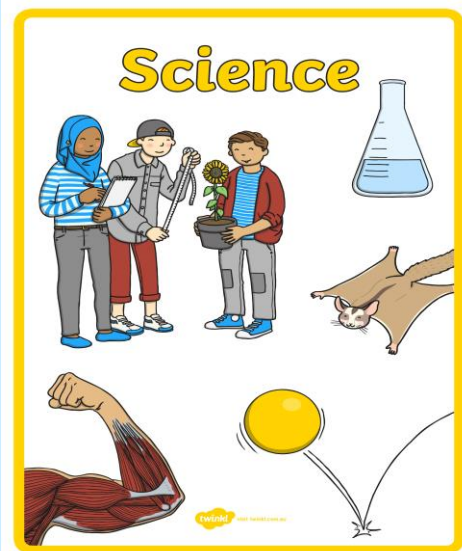
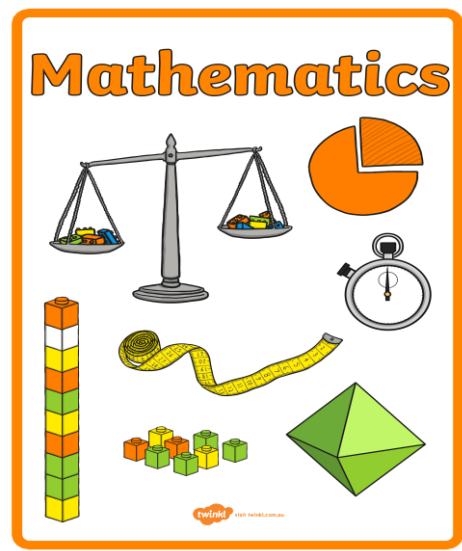
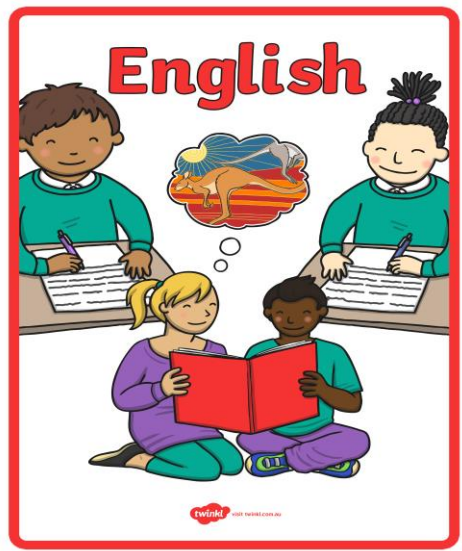
Superheroes



This is the over-arching theme.

We use this theme to support teaching in other areas of the curriculum e.g. English, History, DT , Science etc.

What will be taught within each subject?



English

Character Description:

- Predictions
- Nouns
- Adjectives
- Character Description

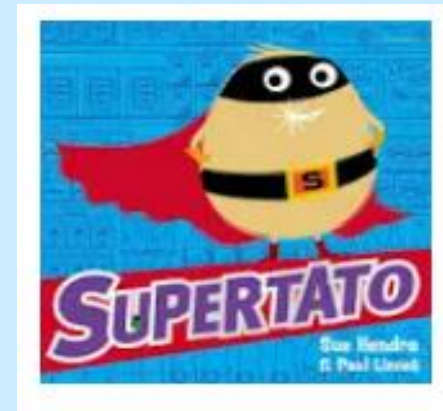
SPAG:

- Capital letters
- Full stop
- Finger spaces
- Suffixes s and es for example dog – dogs or wish – wishes

Key vocabulary: describe, character, character description, nouns, adjectives, appearance, behaviour, action

We will be reading the stories:

Supertato











Phonics



We follow the Little Wandle letters and sounds' programme. This half term we are learning **phase 5 sounds**, 'growing the code', learning new diagraphs and alternative sounds.

The children will learn the different letters that make one sound as well as the different sounds a group of letters can make.

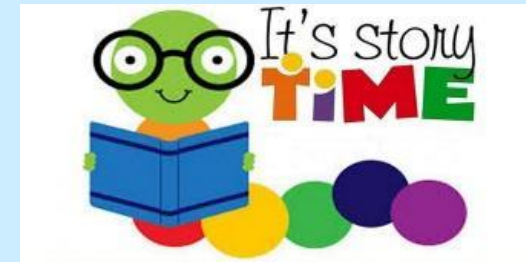
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Reading

The children reads with and adult twice a week in a small group. In the groups they are taught to:

- Identify diagraphs/trigraphs within words.
- Read fluently.
- The meaning of new unfamiliar words.
- Answer questions using the text to help them.
- Explain their answers.
- Opportunities to review books
- Read with expression taking into account of the punctuation.

Daily story time at the end of the day

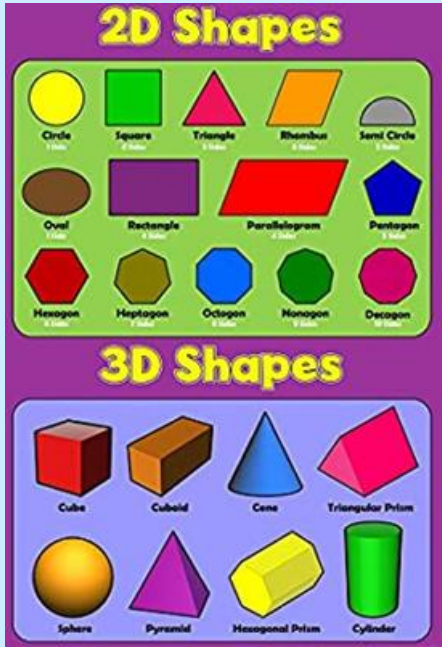


One to one reading with an adult in class



Maths

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15		17	18	19	20
21		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
41	42		44	45	46	47	48	49	50



In Maths this half term we will be focusing on **addition and subtraction with numbers to 20 and 2D & 3D shapes.**

- Number and place value within 20.
- Counting forwards and backwards within 20
- Finding one more and one less within 20
- Comparing amounts within 20
- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Part - whole within 20
- Number bonds within 20
- Partitioning tens and ones within 20
- Geometry - properties of 2D & 3D shapes

$$5 + \square = 20$$

$$20 - 5 = \square$$



Maths resources

Using fingers

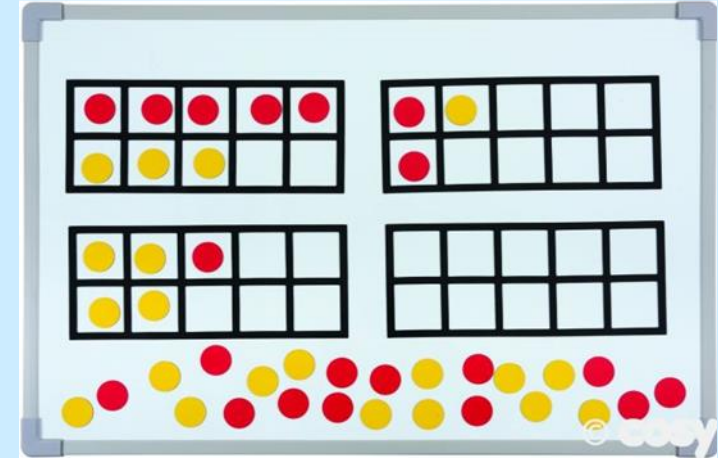


We will be using the following resources to help us with our learning:

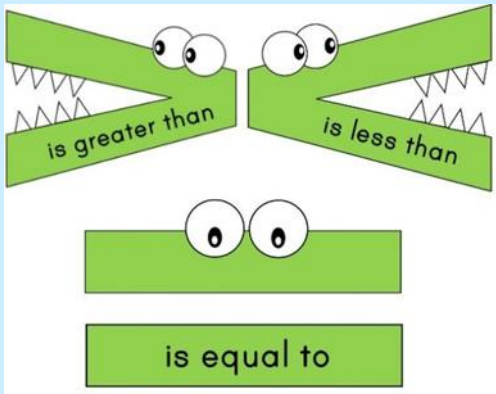
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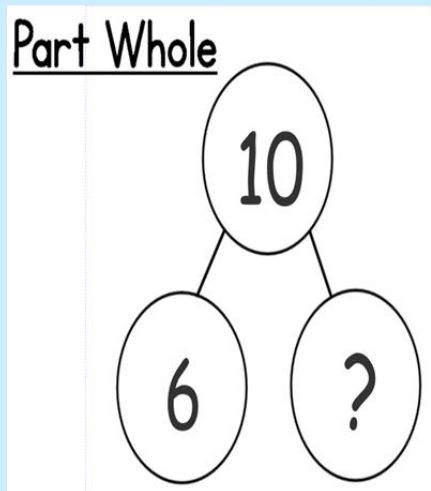
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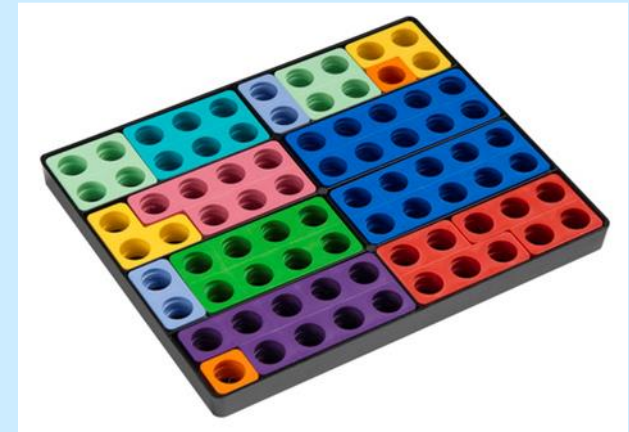
Comparing numbers and objects



Part whole model



Numicon



Maths Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary

Number: Addition, add, plus, more, greater, increase, operation, total, sum, number bonds, subtraction, subtract, take away, minus, less, decrease, operation, difference

Geometry: 2D, 3D, shapes, circle, semicircle, oval, triangle, square, rectangle, cone, cylinder, cube, cuboid, pyramid, corners, sides, faces

Significant People /Real Life
Superheroes
Changes in Living Memory

History

Key vocabulary

significant individuals	real life superheroes			
memory	changes	past	present	different
human	community	old	chronology	

This half term’s History topic is Significant People/ Real Life Superheroes. During this topic we will learn about significant people and find out what they did to make things better for others and discuss why they are real-life superheroes. This will further develop their understanding of chronology (timeline). We will have special visitors that will discuss their jobs/ roles and how they help the community.





Science

This term's Science topic is Properties of materials.



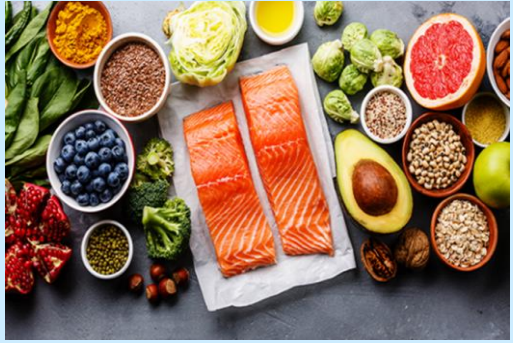
During this topic the children will:

- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal and fabric
- Sort and classify materials
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- Compare and discuss the use of materials

Key vocabulary

Object material wood plastic glass metal
 water rock brick paper fabric elastic foil
 rubber card/cardboard wool clay hard
 soft stretchy stiff bendy floppy waterproof
 absorbent breaks/tears rough smooth shiny
 dull see-through not see-through





DT

This half term's DT topic is **Superfoods**.



This topic will explore different foods and identify which foods are good for us- 'superfoods'. They will discuss and refer to prior knowledge in Reception, where they learnt about healthy food.

They will create a nutritional snack for a superhero. The children will have a superhero picnic exploring and tasting nutritional healthy snacks.

Key vocabulary

Nutrition, nutrients, vitamins, minerals, healthy, food, plants, animals, caught, farmed, processed, harvested, transported





RE

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Key vocabulary: God, carer, forgiver, creator, authority, friend, friendship, prayer, praise, hymn, Christians, Bible, Worship, Jesus, parable, compassion, Rest, Sunday, (Saturday), Celebration, Commandment, Home, Church, Cathedral, Vicar, Special, Altar, Family Worship, Islam, Mosque, Allah, Judaism, Synagogue, Yahweh, Hinduism, Hindu Temple

This term's R.E topic is all about:

Places that make you feel you belong

We will explore the word 'worship' and discover its meaning. We will discuss what different religions believe about God, why prayer might be important to them and where they go to worship God. We will have a church visit this half term so children can see their place of worship.

Physical Education (PE)



This half term the children will learn skills in **-Throwing and Catching**

- Controlled form
- Understanding positions
- To show good levels of hand eye coordination when throwing/ catching.
- To have an understanding of different muscles in use when balancing different ways.
- To be able to show different types of movement to throw and catch.



Music



This half term the focus is **Superhero Music**.

The children will learn-

- Identify and name instruments, how to play them - tap/shake/scrape etc.
- Identify different types of musical instruments heard in superhero music.
- To use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes

Songs – Year 1 children will learn 2 songs with their class to perform at the Year 1 Christmas concert .

Save the date:

Year 1 Christmas concert and arts and crafts afternoon- Tuesday 9th December 2025

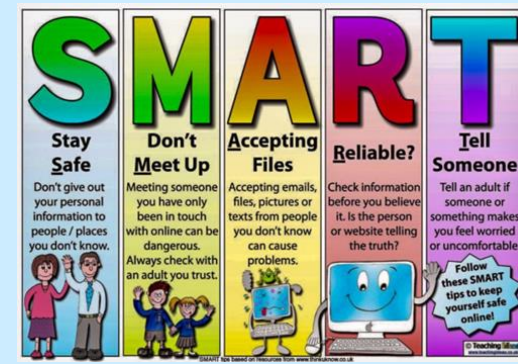


Computing

This half term the focus is –
Improve Mouse Skills

Children will learn how to:

- Login to a computer and access the website Sketchpad.
- Develop mouse skills and use those skills to draw and edit shapes.
- Draw a scene from a story using digital tools.
- Create works of art inspired by Kandinsky and self-portraits.



Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)



This term's PSHE topic is:
Celebrating Differences



The children will identify similarities and differences- accepting that everyone is different and unique. They will discuss how to make friends and solve problems amongst friends.

We will also think about our actions and how they can affect others- being kind.



Other Information

Spellings

- A list of Year 1 high frequency and common exception words have been sent home last half term.
- They must learn how to read and spell these words correctly by the end of Year 1!
- Practise, practise, practise! Let us know if you need another copy.

Maths

- Children will be ordering, counting and sorting numbers to 10,20,50.
- Encourage them to Count forwards and back in 1's to 50
- Use their number knowledge to add and subtract numbers within 20.
- Encourage them to represent numbers in different ways – drawing, using objects and arranging them in different ways.

Homework

Please make sure your child complete their handwriting homework.

They will take the books home on **Friday**.

Other Information

Parents Evening

Parent evening will take place on the following days from 3.45 pm – 5.30 pm:

Monday 24th November 2025

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Wednesday 26th November 2025 (6pm)

Thursday 27th November 2025

Next week your child's class teacher will provide a sign up sheet for you to make an appointment. Each appointment is 10 minutes long. Please take a note of the date and time for your appointment.



Questions or queries?

You are still able to email your child's class teacher directly.

Browne class: Browneclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk Miss Asplan

Kerr class: Kerrclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk Miss Watson

Rosen class: Rosenclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk Ms Jannoo

McKee class: Mckeeclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk Miss Dhaliwal