English

The children will be continuing to develop their reading skills during their daily Phonics sessions and with targeted questioning in whole-class reading sessions. In English lessons this half term we will be exploring a variety of narratives, includes Paddington's Post and Stanley's stick by John Hegley & Neil Layton. The children will be working towards writing their own narratives and a letter. The children will be revisiting poetry and writing a poem about nature using their senses. We will be looking to enhance our descriptive skills when studying Charles Dickens - Oliver Twist and focussing on the workhouse dinner scene.

Religious Education

We have been reading about the birth of Jesus in scripture and paying particular attention to The Annunciation. We then move on to look more closely at Jesus and develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the person of Jesus and his ministry as a teacher and healer .There will also be a fortnight where the whole school learns about different World Religions; Y1 will be exploring Islam. After half term, we start our preparations for Easter by thinking about Lenten promises and reading key scripture accounts of Jesus' temptation, passion and death.

Science

We start the term learning about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Children will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. We will then move on to studying plants.

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Computing

We will be developing understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. Children will use these tools to create their own dig-

Art/DT

In Art the children will learn about composition and work with different art materials to create texture for a project. In DT children will be planning and making three pages of a moving story book.

Maths

Children start this term with number work and by focussing on addition and subtraction within 20. We will then move on to numbers to 50; comparing, ordering and counting up in 2's and 5's. The children will then be introduced to length and height using both non-standard units of measure and rulers. Then, they will move on to mass and capacity, comparing each and solving word problems.

PE

Children will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing during their Dance unit and develop their aim using underarm/overarm actions in Target Games. They will also explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using low apparatus. Invasion Games will be the children's last unit.

PE during the Spring Term will be on Tuesday & Thursday. Homework will be set each Friday for the following Friday. Children will need their Reading Record Books every Monday. Thank you!

History/Geography

Children will start the term focusing on Kings and Queens and learning about significant British monarchs in history. The children will study Richard III and draw comparisons between Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.