Let's Celebrate! (Autumn 2)

This half term, Year 1 will explore the changing seasons, weather and celebrations through a range of exciting, practical experiences. Children will become weather detectives, observing seasonal change, recording weather patterns and learning about habitats and microhabitats. Through high-quality texts, poetry, art and storytelling, they will develop their understanding of the world around them while also learning about significant events and celebrations, including Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Stunning Start

The Weather Girls Need Our Help!

The children arrive to discover a mysterious suitcase full of seasonal clothing and a letter from the Weather Girls asking for help. Through sorting clothes, discussing seasonal changes and becoming weather detectives, the children begin their learning journey by investigating weather, seasons and how these affect daily life. They will start a class weather tracker and make observations about the world around them.

Fabulous Finish

Christmas Celebrations

The children will perform the nativity "Away in a Manger" to their parents. The children will celebrate Christmas with Christmas Party Day and Elf Day!

Core Texts

Fiction

- *The Weather Girls* by Aki Delphine Mach
- *Meet the Weather* by Caryl Hart
- *Shark in the Park* by Nick Sharratt
- *Shark in the Park on a Windy Day* by Nick Sharratt
- *Oh No! Shark in the Snow* by Nick Sharratt

Non-Fiction

- *Why Do Leaves Fall from Trees?* by Ruth Owen

Poetry

- *Out and About* by Shirley Hughes
- *Duck Weather* by Shirley Hughes

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English

Using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, children will develop their reading, speaking and writing skills. They will learn to make predictions, retell stories, discuss poems and create their own version of Shark in the Park. Children will also develop their understanding of adjectives, verbs and past tense verbs ending in-ed.

Phonics

Children will be taught Phase 5 phonemes and will learn to recognise, read and write the new graphemes and sounds introduced. They will continue to practise reading and spelling Phase 3 and Phase 4 tricky words, applying their phonics knowledge to read and write with increasing fluency and accuracy.

Maths

Children will continue developing their understanding of number through place value, number bonds and calculation. They will also apply their mathematical skills when they measure and compare the weight of some Christmas presents using practical resources.

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Geography

Children will learn about the four seasons and the weather associated with each one. They will explore how seasons affect daily life, clothing and activities, and begin to understand simple weather patterns through data collection. They will also compare how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world.

Science

Children will observe and describe seasonal changes throughout autumn and winter, exploring how weather, plants and animals change over time. They will learn about habitats and microhabitats, investigate how animals prepare for winter and develop their scientific enquiry skills through observing, questioning and recording weather patterns.

History

Children will learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, developing their understanding of events beyond living memory. They will explore why Bonfire Night is remembered today and begin to use simple chronology when discussing events from the past

RSHE- All About Me

Children will learn how to keep themselves safe near roads and develop their understanding of respecting others, including people who may have different beliefs, traditions and ways of celebrating special events.

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Art and Design

Children will investigate primary and secondary colours through colour mixing and explore the work of artists including Shirley Hughes and Claude Monet. They will experiment with different painting techniques before creating their own seasonal weather artwork inspired by their learning about the changing seasons.

RE

Children will learn about Christian beliefs and celebrations, focusing on the significance of Christmas. They will visit St Andrew's Church to explore places of worship, symbols and artefacts, and learn why Christmas is important to Christians. They will also explore how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world.

Music

This term, the children will continue planning started in Autumn 1 where they are introduced to the concepts of rhythm and pulse and will learn to under- stand the difference between them.

In addition, the children will learn and practise a range of songs for their Christmas Nativity performance, "Away in a Manger". They will develop their singing skills by learning lyrics, following a melody, keeping to a steady pulse and performing confidently as part of a group.