

# Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

## Curriculum Statement – Year One November 2025

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The topic for this half term is 'Celebrations!' Work will link with Bonfire night, Remembrance Day and Christmas time which will be celebrated with our Christmas nativity in Church.

### English

- The children will continue with phase 5 phonics. We will be learning alternative pronunciations for phonemes and digraphs and we will be learning to read split digraphs.
- We will practise recognising these in regular morning reading practice sessions as well as the continuing to read and recognise the common exception words, tricky words and high frequency words we learn to read and spell throughout the week.
- We will continue to learn about adjectives to write descriptions and learn about commands to write recipes.
- The children will learn about adding the suffixes '-s' and '-es' to make words plural and the suffixes '-er' and '-est' to compare.
- Drama will continue to be used to stimulate and enhance our speaking and listening activities in addition to familiarising children with the texts.
- Children will write facts about *Guy Fawkes* and the gunpowder plot.

### Mathematics

- Children will continue to learn maths through the practical CPA approach (concrete, pictorial, abstract) and activities.
- We will continue to focus on; addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 (number bonds), fact families and counting to and including 20.
- We will also be learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
- We will be focusing strongly on explaining our answers and thinking critically e.g. How do you know it is a triangle? It's a triangle because it has three sides and three vertices.

## Science

- Children will learn about external body parts e.g. fingers, shoulders, etc. and will begin to learn about the skeleton and what our major organs do.
- They will learn about and do experiments of the five senses.
- The children will also learn about the need for healthy food and exercise.
- We will learn that there are differences between humans and investigate this further and begin to record our data.
- We will do investigations into and learn about the effects of healthy eating and exercise.

## Art & Design Technology

- There will be a big focus on celebratory and festive food this half term. We will learn about different ways to use ingredients to create delicious dishes.
- We will also be learning how to stay safe while baking and the product.
- We will build on our prior learning and extend our knowledge of clay work by designing and making Diva lamps.
- We will learn about the life and work of Frida Kahlo. We will learn how she created her artwork and use her paintings as inspiration for our own self-portraits.
- The children will design and make Christmas cards and decorations towards the end of the half term.

## History

- We will be learning about why we have Remembrance Day and how we can show respect on this day.
- We will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot (Literacy link).

## Geography

- We will develop our understanding of where we live and begin to compare England to a non-European country (Literacy link).

## R.E.

- We will begin to learn about Hinduism and what Hindu people believe this half term.
- We will be learning about what Christmas means to Christians and we will be learning about and re-enacting the Christmas story.
- We will also be looking at the use of light for special occasions, the Christmas story and how we celebrate Christmas.

## I.C.T

- Year one will continue to discuss how to stay safe when using I.C.T. and will learn to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.
- We will learn to recognise common uses of information technology and how technology is used in our lives.

- We will also continue to practise mouse and typing skills using 2 simple software to draw pictures and write sentences on the laptops.

### Music

- During this half term we will be focusing on exploring the pulse and rhythm. Learning how to move their bodies to the beat of the music (pulse) and how to copy and create simple rhythm patterns using instruments and body percussion. The children will have opportunity to listen to a range of music from classical to traditional African music. Towards the end of the half term we will begin to explore simple musical notation using pictures to represent sounds.
- In addition, we will be working towards our Christmas concerts, learning Christmas carols and songs in weekly singing practice.

### P.E.

- This half term, we are focusing on fitness and developing our agility, speed, stamina and co-ordination.
- We will be learning some aerobic dance routines to improve our spatial awareness and discussing the effects of exercise on our hearts.
- We will also be completing some simple circuit training drills and using agility ladders to develop our foot placement and co-ordination

### RHE/SMSC/PSHCE

- This half term the children will find out about Diwali and how it is celebrated through stories, crafts and baking.
- Pupils will learn about why we commemorate Poppy Day and Remembrance Sunday.
- Pupils will continue to explore and show caring and kindness through discussion, stories and music.
- The children will take part in friendship week and discuss what makes a good friend and what to do if we fall out.
- As December approaches we will be talking, act out the nativity story and look at how other countries around the world celebrate Christmas.
- All pupils will participate in the School Behaviour Management Policy, including School Rules and Playground Games. The golden rule for this half term is '**Work Hard**'.
- All children are invited to Christ Church to participate in the Christingle service on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm**
- All pupils will participate in the school Christmas nativity on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (afternoon) and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (evening). We will also participate in a Carol Service at Christ Church on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.**