



# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 1 Newsletter - Term 2

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### The **BIG** question...

## What Makes Me Unique?

### Welcome

Welcome to another term of learning in Year 1.

Our learning theme for Term 2 is 'Celebrations'.

We will be learning about different festivals and celebrations across different cultures and religions over November and December. This will include Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We will look at the traditions and the many ways that people celebrate these occasions.

### English

In English the children will be continuing to use their knowledge of phonics, words and sentence writing to begin looking into text types we use and read everyday. They will begin to write sentences together for the purpose of writing instructions and information texts.

### Maths

This term we will continue to recall, represent, use, calculate and solve problems with addition and subtraction within 10. We will then build on our learning of number and place value, by counting and representing and comparing numbers within 20 number We will also be learning about shape and geometry.

### Science

Although we have already begun exploring this, our topic this term is 'Everyday Materials'. Children will be looking at different materials and thinking about where they are used for everyday objects. We will use our knowledge of adjectives to compare and describe them.

### Geography

We will learn about the similarities and differences of Maidstone with a similar region of a contrasting non-European country - India  
 We will learn about geographical features such as beaches, cliffs, coasts and forests. We will also identify human features such as cities and villages.

### Religious Education

In RE we'll be learning about what a Christian is and what they believe. We will learn about their practices, festivals, religious items, foods and books.  
 With Christmas approaching we learn about the Nativity Story and the importance of it to Christians.

### Physical Education

In P.E we'll be developing our bouncing (dribbling) skills. Pupils will begin to understand why we need to keep the ball away from the defender in games and explore different ways of passing the ball to their partner.

### Computing

In computing we will be learning how algorithms are set of step-by-step instructions used to carry out a task.

We will then be assembling instructions into our own simple algorithms.

### Music

In music, we are learning two songs: Rhythm In The Way We Walk (Reggae style) and Banana Rap (Hip Hop style). We will listen to other styles of music and continue to embed the music through games and singing.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In school, we use the Jigsaw program. We use Paws the cat, Jack the jigsaw piece and the chime to bring us together. This term our PSHE topic is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be learning about how to:

- Accept that everyone is different
- Include others when working and playing
- Know how to help if someone is being bullied
- Try to solve problems
- Use kind words
- Know how to give and receive compliments

## Art

Art this term will focus on learning how to use a colour wheel and applying that knowledge to art work using different types of media. Children will develop their drawing skills even further by taking a dot for a walk! We will be learning about Marc Chagall and his famous painting 'I And The Village'. They will also explore batik techniques and employ their colour knowledge to create their own masterpieces.

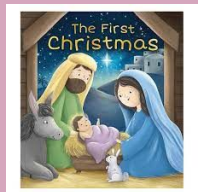
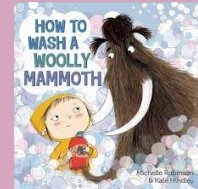
## Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

You could speak to your child about the different special events that you celebrate at home. How do you celebrate? What things do you do to show that the occasion is special?

You could take your child on a walk around Maidstone landmarks, visit Maidstone Museum (it's free!), and talk about what's special about our town.

## Recommended Reading for this term

- Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ\\_lylx7G28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ_lylx7G28)
- How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_2QCRW2wps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_2QCRW2wps)
- Story of the First Christmas  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrTFAZPQxpEv>



## Reminders and Important Dates

- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)

In December, we will be going on a Mighty Maidstone Walk. We will be looking at how our town shows the festive season. We will be looking out for Christmas decorations and lights.

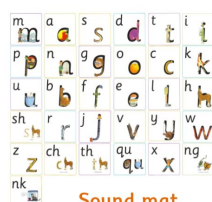
## Home Learning



Google Classroom



Mathletics



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