



## Mersey Park Half Term Overview



### Spring 1

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#### Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. We will write a description of the gingerbread man focussing on using interesting WOW adjectives. We will also retell the story of what happens to the gingerbread man.

We will continue to work on writing in full sentences and using capital letters at the start of our sentences and full stops at the end. We will also start to look at how to use question marks and exclamation marks in our writing.



#### Reading and Phonics

In our reading we will be learning to sound out the words in our books and use our phonics to help us.

We will be learning phase 4 sounds in phonics such as; dr, gr, br, fr, cr, pl, bl, cl, gl, fl, nd, nk, nt, st, sm, sn, sp, sl.

As well as;  
str, spl, scr.

As well as revising all Phase 3 sounds.

We will also be looking for these tricky words; said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today.



#### Maths

In our maths lessons we will be looking at addition and subtractions within numbers to 20. We will use part whole models and bar models to help us with our calculations.

We will start to look at multiplication and division. We will use counters to help us make groups to count to find the total in a multiplication problem or share out between groups to find the answer to a division problem.

We will also look at time and being to tell the time on an analogue clock, including o'clock and half past.



#### Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Food'. As historians we will look at food our Parents/ Grandparents ate at home and at school when they were younger. We will use what we find out to create an old and new menu and make comparisons. As geographers we will look at traditional foods from different European countries such as Spain, France, Germany and Italy. We will find these countries on a map and look at their location compared to the UK. We will revise the found countries of the UK. As artists we will create fruit faces inspired by the work of Giuseppe Archimboldo. We will also do the work of Matisse and complete fruit printing and observational drawings.



#### Science

In science we will learn about 'Materials'. We will describe the physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple properties. We will name, identify and describe the properties of different materials, for example wood, metal, plastic, rubber, fur, towelling, nylon, wool, sponge, cotton wool, paper, card, brick, ceramics and rock. We will also label, collect and group together objects made from the same material. We will look at why some materials are unsuitable for some objects.



#### Mersey Park Life Skills

To help our Year One children develop as well rounded little people who are ready for the world around them, we will also be teaching our children life skills this half term such as; how to have a Healthy Diet and the effect this can have on physical and mental health, we will teach them cooking skills and discuss the cost of food. As part of our Jigsaw topic we will look at Dreams and Goals. We will talk about how we can work hard to help us achieve our goals.

