

# We're Going on an Adventure! – KS1 Autumn term 1

## 2023-2024

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Summer break and are looking forward to our new term. We have an exciting term planned, launching our topic with an adventure inspired by the story book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

### English:

This half-term we will be exploring the story of 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' by Quentin Blake, and developing our own versions of this fun tale! We will develop our characterisation skills and finish the half term by writing a non-chronological report about animals.

Phonics lessons will take place daily. We will be revisiting the sounds we learnt last year and consolidating the tricky words we already know.

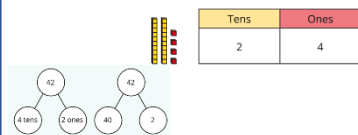
Your child will take part in 3 adult led reading practice sessions a week. These will focus on fluency, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension. Your child will then be taking home their reading book to continue to practise.

**Note:** Library books will be changed on Wednesdays. Reading books will be changed on Fridays.

### Maths:

In Year 1 children will learn that collections of objects can be sorted into sets based on attributes such as colour, size or shape. We will explore quantities using the terms less than, greater than and equal to, when comparing these sets.

In Year 2 children will begin to partition numbers and use a place value chart to identify the tens and ones in a given number. We will learn to write numbers up to 20 in words. We will develop understanding of fact families and number bonds to 100, and practice adding and subtracting.



**RE:** At the start of the Autumn term, we will be learning about what Harvest means to people of different faiths.

### Key Dates:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9-11am/1-3pm - Walk to Fulbourn Co-op – **Volunteers Needed**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1-3pm - Nature Reserve – **Volunteers Needed**

### Science:

We will start our science by investigating the trees in our local area, making observations about their leaves and the changes that occur over time. We will learn to name common trees and flowers and will create a natural fertiliser which we can use in the allotment.

### Geography:

This half term we will be comparing village life to other places around the world. We will be able to use observational drawings, simple maps and keys to navigate our local community. We will recognise and locate the continents and oceans as well as hot and cold regions in the world.

### Thinking and Feeling:

This term our PSHE topic is 'Working Together'. Children will begin to develop lifelong skills in communication and working with others. Children will identify and value their own strengths, gifts and talents and understand how these, along with others' skills and strengths can contribute to the success of a group task.

### DT:

This term we will taste and compare different soups before identifying the ingredients needed. We will take a trip to the co-op to buy the ingredients needed for our soup. We will measure liquids and learn how to peel and chop the vegetables safely.



### Art:

We will use sketching pencils to explore controlled mark making to create our own illustrations inspired by the work of Quentin Blake, to accompany the stories we have written in English. Then we will be exploring the work of Mondrian and identifying primary and secondary colours.



Please contact us with any questions or comments you may have. We will be available at the classroom door each day, or you can contact us via email at your convenience –

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