

Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School, Pinvin

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your families have all had a fantastic Easter break. The children have come back full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to put all their efforts into their learning for the last term in Year 1! Thank you again, for all of your continued support in your child's reading- this is really having a **huge** impact on their confidence and is also impacting on their writing across the curriculum.



Our topic this half-term is **Town and Country**. If your child has been on any visits to different cities, towns or farms, or if they have any toys, stories or non-fiction books based on localities, they are welcome to bring them in for 'Show and Tell' and for our class display. We have 'Show and Tell' on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. See below for a brief outline of what our focus will be in each area of learning.

English: We will be learning about writing for different purposes, such as postcards. Our story focus is 'Town Mouse, Country Mouse' by Jan Brett and will really help aid learning in our topic. Our non-fiction focus will be leaflets, enticing visitors to visit different places in Pershore.

Maths: We are focussing on Multiplication and Division (2, 5 and 10x tables), before revisiting 2d and 3d shapes. It would be helpful if you could point out shapes in the environment- in the home or when on walks etc.

Science: Our focus will continue to be on plants and seasonal change, we will go on a Spring walk, grow a bean and keep a diary of it's progress.

Art/ DT: We will investigate localities in art, comparing Lowry with Constable, as well as creating our own countryside art.

History/Geography: This half term has a heavy Geography focus, where the children will learn about human and physical features of Pinvin, compared to Pershore. We will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to collect evidence.

PE: On Wednesdays, we will be developing our hand-eye co-ordination through Games topics. We will continue to run the 'Daily Mile.'

RE: We will continue with our Big Question: 'How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?'

ICT: Using Coding programs to input data.

Music: Round and Round- Latin American style of music and music from countries around the world. Looking at historical context of musical styles

Homework:

Please continue to complete the weekly homework and spellings- we have been really pleased with the learning that has taken place and can see they are having an impact in the classroom too. 'Phonics Play' is a good website for children to practise their phonics- Phases 3 and 5 continue to be particularly useful.

General Reminders:

- Please could you ensure that your child has his/her P.E. kit in school at all times, clearly labelled with his/her name. This half term P.E is on a **Wednesday** afternoon.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes

Mrs O Sanders, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Gibbs