The Year 1 theme for Autumn 2 half term is 'Local Explorers'

This covers many areas of the curriculum as shown below.

English- In our English writing sessions we will write about the 'Hundred Decker Bus' story where we will describe the bus, design a new level and make the bus before writing a diary entry to record where the characters travelled on the bus.
We will also write an information booklet for visitors who may want to visit Airedale/ Castleford.

Maths- We will be having regular 'Mental Maths' sessions where we will learn to count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
Our Maths lessons this half term will cover: Place value, multiplication and division, money and measuring using standard and non-standard units to measure length and weight.

Reading- All children in Year 1 will take part in Read Write Inc daily to learn their set 2 and 3 sounds needed to read words. Children will read texts suited directly to their ability and be able to bring these home to share and practise alongside you. Reading is a key skill in which we learn in school. Please remember to record 3 reads per week in your child's reading record and enjoy bedtime stories together.

Topic- After lunch pupils will be involved in a wide range of activities designed to enrich the curriculum. We will complete a theme day and outdoor activities linking to our local area topic.

PE- Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we ask for all children to attend school every **Wednesday** in their PE kit.
If our PE day changes we will update you via the app or social media.

Geography–

In Geography we will learn all about the area in which we live in and identify local landmarks such as the Holy Cross Church, local shops and shopping centres and use this information to locate Airedale/Castleford on a simple map before drawing our own 2d and 3D maps.
Children will also discuss our local environment and what they like and dislike.
Children will also discuss the different modes of transport available in our local environment.

Design and Technology-

In our DT lessons we will look at a range of modes of transport in our local area and design our own transport models. Children will design, make and evaluate their models using a range of materials and equipment safely and effectively to make simple models.
If you have any empty, clean cardboard boxes (cereal boxes, parcel boxes etc) please save them for us and bring into school no later than Wednesday 18th November.
Thank you!

Computing-

We will be learning about how to create simple algorithms to move Beebots around a simple map.

Homework Project-

During Autumn term 2 we are learning all about our local area.

- Can you go out walking in our local area?
- Can you draw or take photos of local places of interest?
- Can you use junk modelling materials to build a model of the places you saw? EG church, Castleford Tigers ground, your house, bus station, train station.

Please bring your projects into school the first week back!
We cannot wait to see how creative you can be during half term.
Thank you! Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Dann