Year 1 / 2 - Autumn Term 2

English

During the autumn term, pupils will continue to read *The Gruffalo* to help them learn the skills needed to write a character description. They will then use these skills to write a character description of **Tabby McTat**, a character from the book.

In our close reading lessons, we will use our **VIPERS** skills to explore and understand the texts that we study in our English lessons. We will also use these texts during our reading fluency sessions. Please continue to support your child at home by reading with them at least three times a week and encouraging them to learn their common exception words.

Maths

Our mathematical themes this half term are:

- **addition and subtraction**
- **shape**

Computing

In our computing lessons, pupils will be completing the unit '**Digital Painting**'. By the end of this unit, pupils will learn how to use digital printing on either a laptop or an iPad.

Music

In our music lessons, pupils will be completing the unit '**Ho Ho Ho**' from Charanga. By the end of the unit, pupils will learn about the dimensions of music, singing and play instruments.

Science

This half term, pupils will complete their science unit, **'Plants'**. Pupils will learn the difference between garden plants and wild plants, that plants grow from seeds or bulbs that need to be planted underground, that trees can be evergreen or deciduous, that some seeds can be eaten, about the plant life cycle, and what plants need to grow healthily.

Peace and Conflict

What do I know about William Gregg?

PSHE- Celebrating me, you and our families

In our PSHE lessons, pupils will learn that everyone is unique and that everyone is equal despite their similarities and differences. Pupils will learn what makes a family and about the different types of families. They will also learn about the importance of staying safe online. Pupils will also take part in Anti-Bullying Week.

Religious Education

Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?
In our RE lessons, pupils will learn about **Islam**, including that people who follow this religion are called **Muslims**, that they believe in one God, and that a **mosque** is a special place of worship.

History:



This half term, pupils will learn the following:

Who William Gregg was.

What he achieved and why he is significant to Heanor.

What life was like on the front line.

Why poppies are used as a symbol of remembrance.

How William Gregg is remembered in Heanor.

Physical Education

Our PE units for this half term are **Dance** and **Throwing and Catching Skills**, linked to dodgeball.

PE lessons

- 1A – Monday and Thursday
- 1/2B – Monday and Thursday
- 2C – Monday and Thursday

Please ensure children come to school in their PE uniforms on their PE days wearing a plain white T-shirt and earrings are removed.

Art

In our art lessons, pupils will create a clay poppy sculpture and a clay finger pot linked to their history lessons.
Pupils will explore a range of sculptures and the artists who created them. They will also explore a range of techniques used to make clay finger pots and sculptures, including cutting, bonding, moulding and joining.