



### Assembly Themes

January – Trust  
February - Love

### English

Through 'The Write Stuff', we will continue to focus on writing simple sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

This half term we will be writing our own adventure narrative based around 'The Queens Hat' by Steve Anthony. Then we will explore and re-create an Irish Myth based on the Studio Canal animated film 'Song of the Sea'.

We will be actively using a variety of vocabulary and literary techniques to ensure our writing is FANTASTIC!

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### Geography

This half term, we will be looking at the UK and how it changes, as we travel through it. We will learn name and locate the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities, developing our atlas skills as we go! We will also look at human features and physical features, and use this to compare England and Wales.

### PE

PE is every Friday afternoon for both classes. Please continue to ensure your child comes to school in their PE uniform every Wednesday morning. Can we also remind you that earrings must be taken out beforehand please. Thank you.

### RE

This half-term we are learning about the religious beliefs surrounding how we should behave. The question we will be exploring is: "How do I know I'm being good?"

### Music

In music, we will be recapping our learning from last term (pulse and rhythm) and introducing two new terms: 'dynamics' and 'tempo'. We will do this through classical music.

### Homework

- Listen to your child read every night.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday, and collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday after.
- Half-termly phonics packs
- Practice your children's Common Exception Words (words in the zippy wallet) that will be sent home at regular intervals – reading and spelling!

### Jigsaw (PHSE)

This term we will be focusing on our Dreams and Goals. This will include looking at: Setting goals, Identifying successes and achievements, and thinking about how we learn best. We will also explore what it means to work well and celebrate achievement with a partner. Finally, we will identify ways to tackle new challenges and Identify and overcome obstacles.

Year 1 Staffing: Mr. Cooke (KS1 Phase leader), Mrs. Stuckey, Mrs. Payton and Mrs. Fletcher.

Any member of the team is happy to speak to you, if you have a query. The year group email is: year1@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk

### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on consolidating and building on our knowledge of Number and Place Value to 100. We will also be looking at Fractions and measuring Capacity. We will be following the NCETM daily Maths programme to actively encourage children to make connections with number and become more confident recalling key number facts.

### Science: Plants

We will learn about the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will identify, name and describe the main parts of plants, including trees. We will learn that trees are plants and will learn the meaning of 'evergreen' and 'deciduous' when describing and comparing trees. We will also have the opportunity to plant, grow and observe our own plants.

### Art

In Art this half term we will be experimenting with paint media using different brush sizes, rollers and pads to create a piece of work inspired by Jackson Pollock. We will also be naming the primary colours and starting to mix a range of secondary colours.

### Computing

This half term we will be developing our early coding skills through the unit 'Maze Explorers'. We will understand the functionality of the basic direction keys and begin to understand how to create and debug a set of instructions.