

## English:

### Writing Instructions

We will begin the half term by **writing instructions** for simple recipes to show **sequential order**. We will learn to identify and use **imperative/bossy verbs** and **time conjunctions** (first, next, then, finally) to make our writing specific and clear.

### Poetry

Monet class will write **rhyming couplet poetry** about the seasons; using **adverbs and prepositional phrases**. We will publish our work, complete with illustrations for display in our classroom.

### Informative Leaflet

The children will choose an animal to research and then write an informative leaflet about that animal. We will use graphic organisers to compile our findings and include **headings, subheadings and labelled drawings** in our work. Our grammar focus for this unit will be using **noun phrases, specific nouns** and **determiners** to make our writing more interesting and informative.

**Art:** This half term Monet will be introduced to what **sculpture** can be, and invited to explore the work of sculptors whilst taking a playful and inventive approach to making their own sculptures.

## Maths:

### Mastering Numbers

Both year groups will continue to use the **NCETM Mastering Numbers** program to deepen our ability to recognise numbers and how they relate to each other.

### Year 1

Year 1 will begin the half term by looking at **place value to 20**. Then we will practise **adding and subtracting numbers within 20**. We will do this by using our knowledge of number bonds, doubles and counting on/counting back.

### Year 2

Year 2 will begin the half term with a focus on **money**: coins and notes. We will practise **counting** different amounts, **finding the same amount** using different coins and notes, **comparing amounts** and **making change** up to a pound. We will then shift our focus to an introduction of multiplication and division beginning with making equal groups, using arrays and learning the times tables for 2 and 10.

## Our Capital City



Monet Class  
Year 1 and 2  
Spring A 2023

**Geography** - We will be continuing our topic, **Our Capital City**. This half term, our focus will be on using a compass and navigating basic maps using simple compass directions. We will also utilise our statistics learning by creating bar charts to record weather patterns in London.

**Music** – We will explore **tempo and dynamics** by listening to, singing, playing and performing a range of different musical styles.

**PE** – Our Wednesday lessons will cover **gymnastics**. We will choose at least 2 clear **positions of stillness** and combine them with other actions to create a short sequence of 3-4 actions. We will show different points of contact in positions of stillness. Friday lessons will be exploring the **fundamental skills** needed for a range of games. This will include throwing, catching, running, jumping and stopping.

**Science** – In Science, we will start by exploring **Seasonal Changes** further. This time, we will investigate **Winter** and what makes this season so distinctive, whilst also making comparisons to Autumn. We will then begin an introduction to **Everyday Materials**, where we will learn about a variety of materials and their properties, alongside working scientifically to group and compare them based on their physical properties.

**Computing** –**Year 1** will explore **programming** commands, both with other children and as part of a computer program using the Beebot floor robot. They will identify what each command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.  
**Year 2** will use the Beebot floor robot to investigate given commands in different orders, finding out how the order of commands affects the outcome. They will then design, test and debug algorithms to **create their own programs**.

**RE-** This half term we will be answering the question: **“How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?”** This will include learning stories from the Islamic faith that demonstrate compassion and mercy, learning about the month of **Ramadan** and exploring how Muslim families prepare for **Eid-ul-Fitr**.

## PSHE – Personal Safety

Monet will consider how we keep ourselves safe.