



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Autumn 2

During this half term the children in **Year One** will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	In English children will be reading and writing simple instructions, describing story settings and writing recounts. They will begin to use adjectives and bossy verbs within the different types of writing. We will continue to reinforce use of capital letters and full stops and extend and join sentences using connectives (but, so, and). In phonics we will be beginning to look at alternative digraphs for sounds already taught ie ay, ea, oy, ou. We will continue to reinforce correct letter formation and begin to look at formation of capital letters.	Look at recipe books at home and find the bossy verbs. Look at other instructions and talk about layout. Use a simple set of instructions to make something. Write a recount of a special day they have had. Use http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm to practise reading real and nonsense words.
Maths	In Maths children will be reading and writing numbers to 20 in words and using ordinal numbers to describe position. They will develop their knowledge of number sequences and use this to recall numbers that are one more and one less than a given number. They will develop adding and taking away skills and use these skills to solve missing number problems and one-step problems including money. They will be grouping objects and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also complete work on time and finding halves of objects and groups of objects.	Look for and identify numbers all around. Can they read two-digit numbers confidently? Can they write these numbers? Continue counting to 100 and back. Count in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Give your child coins to look at and play with. Can they identify the values of coins and notes? Sort the coins in different ways, play shops and add up simple amounts of coins.
Science	In Science children will learn about the seasons, why they occur and how the weather changes. They will look for signs of Autumn in their environment and make daily observations of the weather. They will learn how animals and humans adapt to the different seasons.	Look for signs of Autumn as they walk around the area in which they live and other places they may visit. Choose a tree near to where you live. Make weekly observations. How does it change as Autumn progresses? Can they recall the sequence of the seasons and the months associated with each?
Computing	Children will be taking photographs on an iPad and edit them using as app based editing tool. They will annotate	Use educational websites to enhance computer skills and familiarity with computer keyboard.

	their photo. They will learn how to log on to the school's computer network, using about computer names and how to use a track pad. They will learn simple word processing skills and how to insert pictures.	* See below for websites.
RE	This half term the children will be exploring the question, 'Why are gifts given at Christmas?'. They will look at the gifts that were brought by the wise men, the special meaning behind these gifts and how Christians see Jesus as being a gift to the world. They will think about what gifts they would give that can't be bought.	Talk about giving gifts at Christmas and those that are less fortunate. Maybe take part in the Shoe Box appeal with your child.
History	The half term's topic is 'Old Toys'. The children will be finding out about toys in the past. They will observe how toys have changes over time and find the similarities and differences between old and modern toys.	To talk to parents and grandparents about the toys they played with as children.
PE	Children will be developing gymnastics skills. They will be thinking of different ways of travelling, sitting and rolling both on mats and on apparatus. They will create simple sequences using some of these movements.	
Music	This half term we will be exploring duration of sounds. The children will learn to identify long and short sounds and create sounds of different durations using their voices and instruments.	Use objects from around the house to make long and short sounds. Identify long and short sounds in the environment.
DT	Children will learn three different ways to create moving pictures: slider, pivot and lever and wheel mechanisms. They will design a moving picture linked to Christmas.	Look at books which have moving parts and talk about the different ways in which they work. Look for other examples in other places.
French	Children will listen to and re-enact a familiar story – La Petite Poule Rousse. They will learn the characters in the story and practise repeated phrases. Year 1 will learn and perform a French Christmas song in the Nativity.	Can your child tell you the story they have learnt and remember any of the repeated French phrases?
Proposed Educational Visit	Beamish Open Air Museum Children will complete a workshop about old toys.	

* http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games/keyboarding_games_typing_adventure1.html

* http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/typing_factory/home-keys-typing-practice.html