



## Year 1 – Downs Way – Autumn Term 2017

Everyone at Downs Way is supported, challenged and secure in a caring environment.

### English Learning

Our topic this half term is 'Moon Zoom'. We will explore 2 texts, Beegu and Shh! We have a plan! We will be immersing ourselves in the stories through drama, role play, story maps and character descriptions. Alongside this we will learn what an adjective is and how to use it. We will also learn what a verb is and how to include them in our sentences.



### Topic Learning

**Science** – We will be looking at the season autumn and winter. We will be exploring the changes and going on autumn walks and winter walks.

**History** – Our topic for History will be 'remembrance'. We will be exploring why we wear poppies and what Remembrance Day is. We will also look at Guy Fawkes and discuss why he is important to why we celebrate 'Fireworks night'.

**Music** – Our topic for music is 'Little Angel gets her wings'. We will learn our nativity songs and begin to put actions with them.

**Art & DT** – We will look at different colours to mix and use this whilst drawing our own spaceships. We will collaborate with each other to build rockets out of junk modelling materials.

**PE** – We will be learning different moves we can use in dance.

**RE** – In RE, we will explore the different nativity characters and develop our understanding of the story of Noah.

**PSHE&British Values** – Our PSHE topic is 'Getting on and falling out'. Through this we will learn how to resolve problems with our friends.

### Maths Learning

This half term we will be learning how to count forwards and backwards from numbers to 20. We will start to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will start to look at time and start to tell the time to 'o'clock and half past'. We will start to look at money and explore the value of each coin and note.



### Learning Alongside the Termly Topic

This half term we are encourage children to be more like 'Collaboration Kid' and collaborate with their learning. We have introduced the 'Learning Pit' and will encourage children to explore what to do when they are 'stuck' with their learning.

We will send homework home on a Monday and expect it back in the following Tuesday. Homework will consist of common exception words, days of the weeks, months of the year and numbers. Please encourage your children to learn how to spell these and to use cursive handwriting. By the end of Year 1, we expect all children to using cursive writing.

### Supporting Learning At Home

Please continue to read daily for 15 minutes. Remember to ask questions about what your child has read and to sequence the story. Phonics play is a fun interactive resource <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm> Thank you for your continued support! 😊