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 the story 'I want my hat back'. Children will complete a series of sentences to match pictures relating to parts of the story. They will start to include adjectives to their writing to add interest for the reader. We will discuss questions, speech bubbles and conjunctions. We will continue to reinforce use of capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and writing on the lines. In phonics we will look at alternative digraphs for sounds already taught ie ay, ea, oy, ou etc. We will continue to reinforce correct letter formation and begin to look at formation of capital letters.	Writing simple sentences about themselves at home including capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and forming letters correctly and on the line. Include adjectives to their writing to create interest.
Maths	In Maths we will continue counting, reading and writing numbers to 10 and then 20. We will be introducing Part whole models and completing addition number sentences using objects and then a number line. Children will then need to solve word problems and addition fact families. Children will continue to be taught number bonds to 10 / 20. We will also complete work on length and 3D shape.	Look for and identify numbers all around. Can they read two-digit numbers confidently? Can they write these numbers? Continue counting to 20 and then 50 and back. Are they confident counting past the tens numbers? Look for 3D shapes in the house and whilst out and about. Practise recall of number bonds for all numbers to 10.
Science	Children will be investigating the properties of different materials and picking the most suitable materials for certain objects. Children will continue to track the weather and they will discuss the changes that happen between Autumn and Winter.	Continue to make observations of the weather and the seasons and talk about the changes they see around them. Identify materials around the home and discuss properties.
Computing	Children will be given the opportunity to develop their mouse, keyboard and basic computing skills using creative tools. Children will use Purple Mash 2DIY tools to paint, create jigsaws and make simple drag and drop games.	Encourage your child to practise typing their full name on the recognising the capital letters on the keyboard. Support your child to use a track pad on a laptop if possible.
RE	This half term the children will be exploring the question, 'Why are gifts given at Christmas?'. They will look at the gifts that	Talk about giving gifts at Christmas and those that are less fortunate. Maybe take part in the Shoe Box appeal with your

	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.	child.
History	The half term's topic is 'The History of 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 their games skills. They will be learning how to change speed and direction when they move. They will be developing their underarm throwing and learning how to throw more accurately. They will be developing their skills in games to try and outwit their opponents.	Practise their throwing techniques and talk to them about how they have changed direction and speed when playing small-sided games.
Music	This half term we will be focusing on pitch. The children will develop an understanding of pitch though using movement, voice and instruments. They will identify contrasts of high and low pitches, and create animal chant sounds and sequences.	Listen to different sounds in the house and whilst out and about in the town, shops or countryside. What different sounds can they hear? Can they distinguish between high pitched sounds and low-pitched sounds?
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 further examples in other places.
PSHE / SRE	The children will be encouraged to notice and name different types of feelings and thoughts – and learn simple self-regulation strategies to manage them.	Support children to explore their emotions and talk about their feelings.
French	This half term, we will be continuing with the 'Les Couleurs et Les Nombres' (Colours & Numbers) unit. Children will learn how to say, read and write 10 colours in French. Children will also learn the numbers 1 to 10 in French.	Can your child recall colours and numbers in French?
Proposed Educational Visit	Beamish Museum visit linked to The History of Toys topic.	