

## Our big question for this half term is...

### Where could we go?

We are going to start by looking at where we come from. The home learning that was sent out in the holidays will help us to look at which countries we come from and what it's like living there. This will involve looking at foods from different countries and we are hoping to have a food tasting experience.

We will be looking at our own local area of Withington and will make connections with a school in London to find out what similarities and differences we have. As part of this big question we will also look at how we can travel to these places.

## Numeracy

We are going to start off by exploring shapes. Lots of the children are able to name the 4 basic 2D shapes. We are going to be talking about what these shapes look like using mathematical vocabulary to describe them.

During this half term we are going to take a trip to the local shop to explore the concept of money. The children will have the opportunity to buy something and will get to look at numbers and prices in the local environment.

We will finish off our maths learning exploring the concept of addition and subtraction. We will have lots of opportunities to use objects to work out the answer and will be using the language of more and less to talk about our findings.

## Key dates for this half term

**Friday 16th November**—Children in Need wear something spotty.

**Week commencing 10th December**—Christmas performances across the whole school. Dates will follow.

**Tuesday 18th December**—Christmas Pantomime for the children in school.

**Wednesday 19th December**—Winter Fair after school.

**Friday 21st December**— Last day of school for the holidays.

## Literacy

This half term we are going to be reading the book 'Mouse House' by John Burningham. We will start off by looking at the features of a story and will discuss speech bubbles. We will create our own speech bubbles to go with the story which the children will eventually write using their phonic skills. In phonics we have started to read and spell simple CVC words such as 'big' and 'cat'. We are going to be focusing on reading and writing simple sentences this half term. It has been great to see all the hard work taking place with key words at home. This half term we will be learning **page 1 columns 3 & 4**. Keep looking at the key word display in the classroom and make sure you keep practising columns 1 & 2 so your child doesn't forget them.

## PE in Reception

PE will take place every **Tuesday** with Mr Pye and Ms Parker. Please can you ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times labelled with their name?