



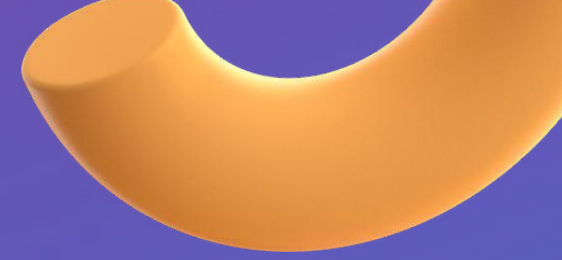
HOME AND AWAY

BIRCH

TERM 1

LITERACY

This term's core text is The Gruffalo. Children will learn how to write in sentences and imagine they are in a forest describing what they can see and hear. Children will begin to learn about adjectives and how they can be used to describe. They will also be looking at how the story is structured by retelling it, acting it out and adapting it. Children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge using Monster Phonics for both reading and spelling. It is at the core of everything we do in literacy.



Maths

Children will be continuing to understand numbers 1-20. They will be learning how these numbers are represented as numbers and images. They will be counting forwards and backwards to add and subtract and will be finding 1 more or less than a number. Throughout our maths lessons, we will be exploring lots of familiar and new concrete resources to help children contextualise and embed their learning.



Homework

Please ensure your child reads for a minimum of 15 minutes every night. Remember to sign the reading diary as these are checked daily.

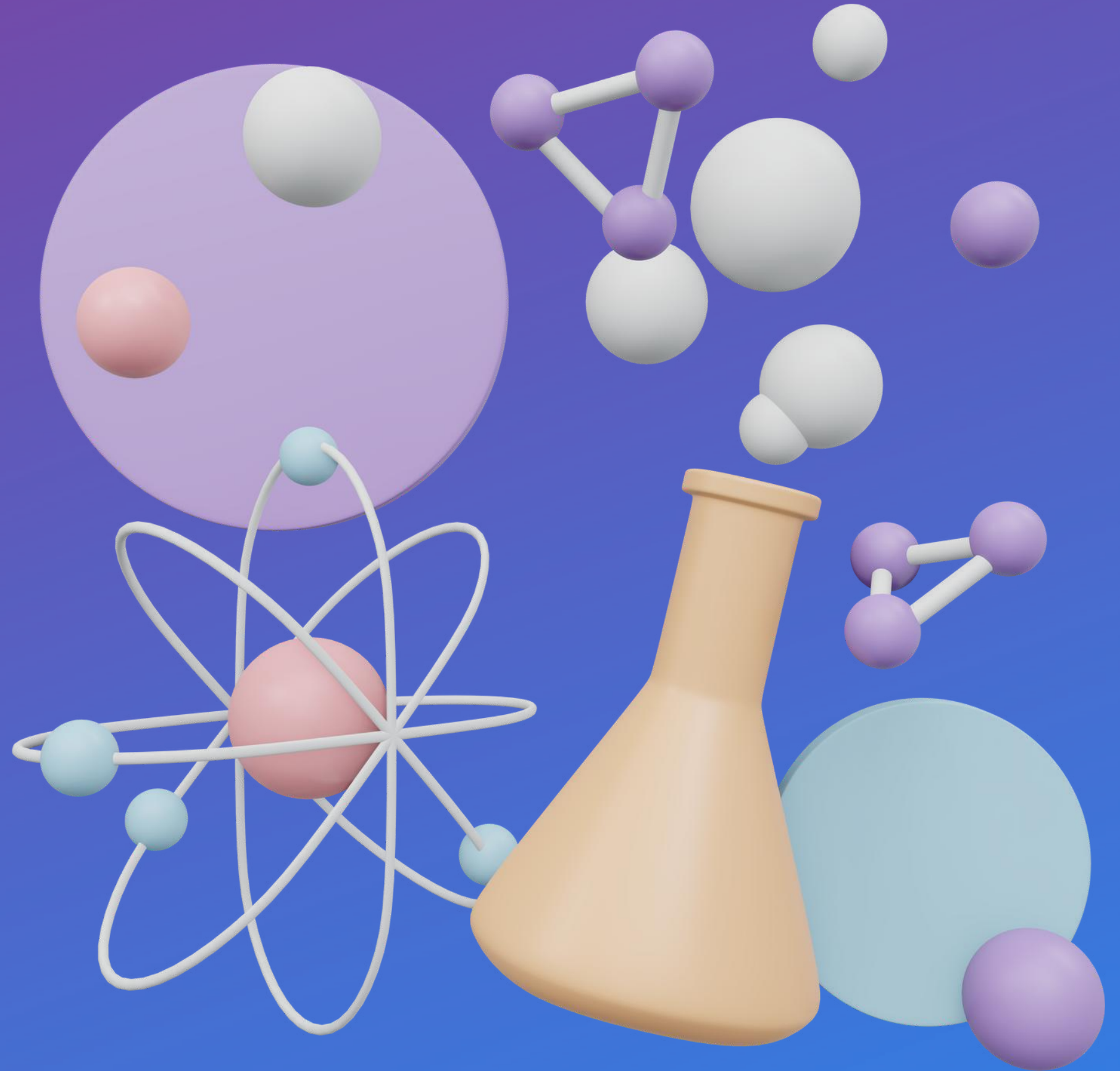
It is also important that they continue to use Numbots regularly to help their basic number skills.

Children should also be completing their passport to learning projects each term.



Science

We will be learning about Seasonal Changes. We will understand what seasonal changes are and when to expect them. We will be learning the names of our seasons and the order which they come.



Topic

Children will be learning about maps and what they are, how they are represented and how they are used. Children will have a go at drawing their own maps of the school and exploring maps of their local area; Murston. We will be learning and finding man-made and physical features of Murston.



Art/DT

We will be learning about the artist Stephen Wiltshire, famous for his detailed drawings of cityscapes. We will be using his techniques of sketching, shading and line making as inspiration.



PE

Indoor P.E: Pirate Fitness

Children will learn how to increase their heart rate and complete fitness activities with a fun pirate theme!

Outdoor P.E: Football

Children will learn a number of key skills including controlling a ball, dribbling and passing.

They will also begin to tackle their opponents.



Music

We will be learning lots of new vocabulary in music this term. We will find the beat, pulse and rhythm of a simple song. Understand a notation represents music. They will explore the different dynamics (volume) and tempo (speed) used in different songs.



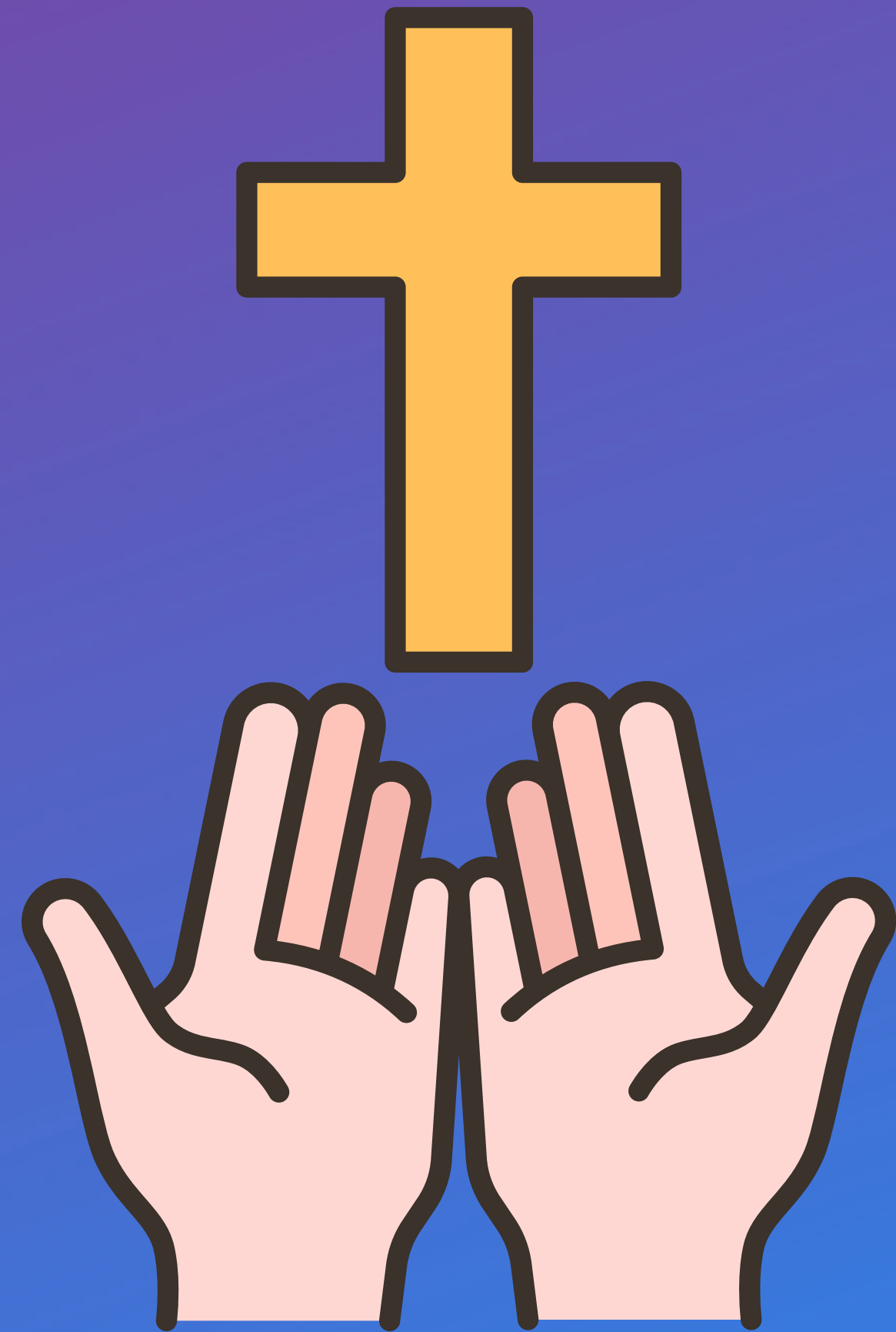
Computing

Children will understand the different types of technology around them and begin to name some of the parts and functions of those pieces of technology. Children will also explore the importance of E-Safety and using technology safely in school.



RE

In RE we will be exploring the idea of 'belonging'. Children will then extend this thinking to understand how people belong in the religions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.





**Thank you
for
reading!**