



Year 1

Friday, 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and the children are excited to be back in school. We have a packed curriculum for the Spring term.

Below is some information about our curriculum coverage over the term.

Writing

Children will be developing their sentence structure and writing understanding focussing on the following book titles: Oi Frog and The Train Ride. They will be learning to plan their own ideas with a focus on rhythm and rhyme. They will then continue to develop their story ideas writing about the books No Bot and The Naughty Bus.

Handwriting

The children will continue to develop their cursive handwriting technique. They will have daily practice and will be using handwriting as another opportunity to consolidate the phonics sounds they have already learned. Children will be encouraged to use cursive handwriting in all lessons.

Maths

We will be focussing on Addition and Subtraction to 20 for the first few weeks of term. Children are developing different techniques to help solve problems and using Maths equipment to assist them. Children will then be learning about numbers up to 50, length/height and weight/volume.

History

We will begin the term learning about Scott of the Antarctic (Robert Falcon Scott). The children will be learning how to use sources of evidence and questioning to find out about the past and discuss how they would feel to be an explorer. The second half term will focus on the history of Toys and how these have developed over time.

Reading/Phonics

A new book is being sent home today. Thank you again for reading so regularly at home with the children. Remember it is important to reread a book with your child. They develop fluency and understanding when they read it for a second/third time. I will continue to check reading records three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Remember, reading is the key to all learning!

During Phonics lessons we're learning the final sounds for the year 1 curriculum. The focus will be on consolidation of all sounds and applying them to spelling.

Art/DT

We will be doing lots of Art and DT linked to our History work. This will include designing and making a home for a penguin, southern light paintings, designing and making a pull along toy and toy collages.

Science

In Science we will be learning all about animals. We will learn about each animal group in detail including amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, fish and insects. We will also learn what is meant by the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. The children will then create a new species of animal. At the end of the term we will also have another short Seasonal Changes topic linked to Spring.

PSHE

We will learning and discussing the following key questions: 1. What helps us to stay healthy? This is linked to Health and Wellbeing. 2. What can we do with money? This is linked to Living in the wider world. We will use Circle Time to have discussions and carry out activities linked to the key questions.

RE

We will be learning about sacred places linked to religion. The key question we will follow for the first half term is – What makes some places sacred to believers? We will then be learning about the following key question in the second half term - What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

PE

PE will continue on a Tuesday and Friday. For the first half term the children will be working on Team Building and learning Dance. After half term they will be doing Gymnastics and Target Games.

Music

We will be learning different versions of a song called: In The Groove! This focusses on how to be in the groove with different styles of music including: Blues, Bhangra, Folk, Latin and Funk. After half term we will be focussing on the pulse, rhythm and pitch of different music.

Milk and Snack

Those who order milk, can you make sure your child really wants to have it this term. We had some children not wanting their milk and we wouldn't want to waste milk or money. Please ensure your child has a healthy snack every day.

Uniform

Remember you can purchase second hand uniform from the office, as there are many items in a good condition for £1. Please remember to label each item of clothing.

Clem's Adventures

Clem will continue his adventures into the spring term. A huge thank you to the families who have already had him to stay. The pictures have been fantastic and the children have loved having Clem and sharing his adventures with the class. Everyone will have a turn across the year. Also, if I can remind you to take a couple of photos of Clem's visit to your home and send via Class dojo, that would be great!



Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to sharing another great term with you on Class Dojo.

Mr Clement