

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your continued support . We hope that you had a lovely half-term and that your children are ready to start term 4 and our lead up to Easter.

This term our topic is 'Inspirational People' and we will be using the text 'Paddington'. This will help us explore Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the making of bridges and trains.

We will start with an immersion day where we will travel by train to Bristol Temple Meads to learn a little about Brunel. We will then focus on Paddington Bear by making marmalade sandwiches and reading the story.

Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading logs. This includes both their phonetically decodable book and their 50- reads book.

Please keep practising counting objects and recognising and recording numbers to 100.

Thank you.

Reminders

Children are not required to bring big bags to school, but do need their book bags. Please do not put any water bottles in book bags.

Key Dates for term 2

TD Day: Monday 19th February

Start of term 4/ Train Trip: Tuesday 20th February

Forest School Jeffers Class: Monday 26th February

World Book Day : Thursday 7th March

Trip SS Great Britain: Wednesday 27th March

Last day of term Wednesday 27th March

TD Day: Thursday 28th March

Active Learning

This term the children will be building their stamina and improving their well being by participating in the skipping and team games.

Inspirational People

Computing

Children will be taught to use ScratchJr to:

- Learn how to keep safe when using the internet
- Choose a command for a given purpose and to join a series of commands.
- To identify the effect of changing a value.
- To design parts of a project and use their algorithm to create a program.

PSHE

Children will be taught about:

- How to keep our bodies healthy and make healthy choices around food and exercise.

Maths

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise, count and order numbers to 100, exploring structure. Say 1 more and 1 less.
- Learn addition facts for 17-20.
- Learn subtraction facts for 17-20.
- Measurement: Understand height and length and use non-standard and standard units to measure.

RE

Children will be taught about:

- Christianity - Easter.
- The importance of Palm Sunday. Why was Jesus welcomed like a king?

Music

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise different styles of music, including house/funk, jazz and film music.
- Perform songs using their voices and simple instruments from different styles of music.

English

Children will learn how to:

- Write sentences for a purpose using phonics to support spelling, capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks within their writing.
- Use 'and' to join words and clauses
- Apply phonics to decode for reading and segment for spelling.
- Write a series of linked sentences to retell and adapt a story and a non-chronological report.

DT and Art

Children will be taught to:

- How to construct a simple bridge using a variety of materials, making a simple plan.
- To make a simple plan before making.
- To choose appropriate resources and tools.
- To create a vehicle with axels and a simple braking mechanism.
- Explore water colours through paint, surface and texture.

Science

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise the changes in the seasons in relation to weather and the environment.
- Name body parts and their associated senses.
- Know that we are mammals.

PE

Children will be taught:

- Social Dodgeball—using ball skills to work together, communicate effectively and show good sportsmanship to be a good sports person.

History

Children will be taught:

- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality— focusing on Isambard Kingdom Brunel
- The lives of significant people in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.
- Distinguish from fact and opinion using stories
- To sequence events in my life.