

Curriculum Newsletter

Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald Class

Autumn 1

'Where We Live'



Welcome Back! We hope that you have had a restful summer. We are all excited and ready for the New Year! Our Topic this term is 'Where We Live'. We will be reading 'Martha Maps Out' by Leigh Hodgkinson and 'Speak Up!' by Nathan Bryon. We will be learning all about our local area, UK countries and capitals and the continents and oceans of the world. We will be going on walks around the area and making maps of the local area using a key. We will also be learning about the Geography of our Local area and using maps to find out how we fit into the UK.

Ideas for home learning:

Take a walk around Brixton and discuss what you can see.

Look at maps on the phone/Sat Nav.

Draw a map of your home.

Draw a map of a place you have visited.

Find maps of places you visit.

Go to Brockwell Park, look at the map, and see what you can find. E.g. Brockwell Park.

Find out what continent your family are from or continents you have visited.

Star words:



The Star words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic.

locate

map

local area

Continent

ocean

country

key

capital cities

symbols

Key messages:

PE days:

Diamond – Monday and Wednesday

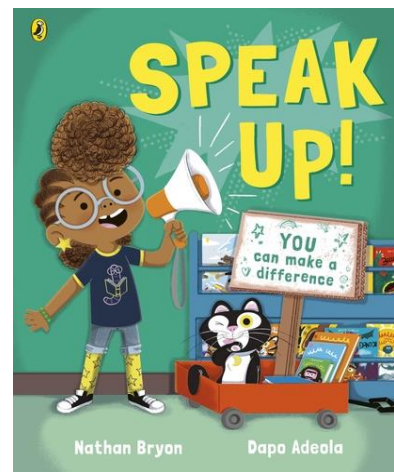
Sapphire – Monday Thursday

Emerald – Monday and Wednesday

Please remember that children are to come to school in appropriate PE kit on those days. This should be White T-Shirt and black shorts or tracksuit trousers.

Book Bags should be in school every day please. You should aim to read with and sign your child's reading record every night. It is important that children keep a book for the week so that they can re-read and build up their confidence and fluency.

In English, we will be reading 'Martha Maps it Out' by Leigh Hodgkinson and 'Speak Up! By Nathan Bryon. We will be consolidating our learning from last year to prepare us for the year ahead. We will be writing information texts, instructions, letters and learning the tools of persuasion.
We will be:



In Maths we will be:
Securing our knowledge of Place Value within 20.
Learning different methods of addition and subtraction.
Using our skills in the context of Money
Learning to understand multiplication and start to learn appropriate tables for our year group.

In World Learning, we will be:
Learning about the four countries of the UK and their capital cities.
Learning how to locate places on maps.
Learning the continents and oceans of the world.
Learning about the local area.
Doing a field trip around the local area.
Learning about our community.

In Computing, we will be
Learning how blocks in **Scratch** can be put into a **sequence** to create a nursery rhyme.
Explore how an animation is created in Scratch using a **storyboard**.
Create a storyboard to write an **algorithm** for an animation.
Write a **program** in Scratch to create an animation.
Correct mistakes in your animation programs.

In PE, We will be learning:
How to change directions,
To move at speed,
To Balance,
How to react and respond in sports,
Agility with obstacles,
Take part in team competition.

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Being me in my world' using the Jigsaw Scheme of Learning:
We will be learning
How to make everyone feel welcome,
How to make our community better,
About everyone's right to learn,
How to think about other people's feelings,
How to work well in a group,
Finally signing the learning charter.

In Music, all of us will be taking part in Music lessons provided by Music Masters.
Some children will be continuing or beginning Violin lessons with Music Masters.