

Year 1 Class Newsletter



Spring 2023



Welcome back to school!

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. The children are excited to begin their second term, they are looking forward to learning new things and overcoming new challenges.

English

In English this term we will be learning about labels, lists and captions and creating a piece of writing from our class books that we are reading. We will also be focusing on our phonics using our phonics scheme, Sounds-Write. We will begin to explore the fact that you can spell the same sound differently.

Reading

This term we will read, We're going on a Lion Hunt, and some traditional tales to use as building block to create a piece of writing. We will also continue to make our way through our class reading spine, which you can see on our school website. As well as being classic stories, our reading spine helps expose the children to a wide variety of high quality texts. The children will participate in group reading activities that link to our phonics everyday.

Maths

In Maths this term we will begin by learning about place value. We will be looking at numbers to 20 to begin the spring term. Children will understand tens and ones make up two digit numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, again up to 20. Children will practice addition by learning to count on. We will also begin to look at measuring, measuring height and length, and Mass and volume.

Science

This term we are studying 'Everyday Materials' and 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be investigating the difference in the amount it rains during winter and spring. Each day we will look to see if it has rained and collate the data onto a table. We will collect 5 weeks of winter Data and 5 weeks of spring Data. This will take place over the full term. We will also investigate various everyday materials such as wood, plastic, fabric and glass. We will classify objects by the materials used to create them and look to investigate the properties of each material.

R.E

Our first RE area of learning is 'special people'. Children will be looking at people who do special things such as doctors and the police. Children will then look at special people within the church. After this topic we will be looking at 'meals' children will develop and understanding that the church family gathers for the Eucharist (Mass), Jesus' special meal. We will look at what happens during meal times and what makes a special meal.

Geography

This term we will be learning about the Antarctica. During this unit, we will learn about the line of the Equator and how the climate is related to the location of a country or continent. We will then begin to understand that some areas of the world are uninhabitable due to the climate and are largely unexplored. We will learn about how animals live in different habitats and those which live in the polar regions are different to those in the UK. In addition to this, they will be able to describe physical features of a landscape which is different to our own.

History

Our history focus for this term will be all about 'Toys of the Past'. Children will look at the chronology of Victorian toys and begin to discuss how they have changed. They will talk about toys their grandparents might have played with, and discuss similarities to the toys they play with. We will then discuss what toys could look like in the future.



Art and Design

This term we will be analysing the work from Gustav Klimt. We will use our observational drawings skills and look to recreate his drawing style, eventually creating our own drawings by observing a plant. We will then use sculpture to create a 3D version of Klimt's flower garden, painting the flower garden once the sculptures have set.



Design and Technology

During this topic children will learn about resistant materials. They will research Elon Musk and NASA, and look at designing and creating a prototype space rocket. This will also link into their materials topic the children are studying in science by thinking of different materials we could use.



RSHE

This term in RSHE the children will explore their religious understanding of God's love by listening to the story of 'The Prodigal son'. They will learn that God loves us, and nothing we can do will stop him from loving us. We will then look at personal relationships children may have, and help identify 'special people' in their lives. We will then learn how to keep ourselves safe, and understand the difference between good and bad secrets.

Computing

In computing this term we will be learn how to use the computer to group objects. They will start to use spreadsheets and discuss how this can help us display information.

Music

In music this term the children will be introduced to the terms 'tempo' and 'dynamics'. The children will practise a song and begin to think about applying their new learning as well as their learning from last term.

P.E

Our P.E this focusses on Gymnastics - performing different stretches and balances. The children will learn to combine these skills and create a performance. We will then move on to multi-skills where children will begin to work in teams and practice various skills such as, throwing catching, kicking, and team work.



Reminders

Water Bottles: Just a reminder that we provide the children with a water bottle to be used in class.

P.E. Kit: Please send your child to school in full PE kit each Monday. This should consist of plimsolls, a white t-shirt and navy shorts. In colder weather they are welcome to wear a plain navy tracksuit and trainers. Please note leggings are not part of our PE kit.

Reading: Your children will receive their new reading books across the term, along with their reading diaries. We ask that you have your child read to you every night. This will help the children build upon their learning and develop fluency. The reading dairies will be checked each day, your child will get two reading books for the week, we suggest that they read them both more than once. In addition your child will receive a love of reading book that you can share with your child or even have a go at reading themselves. They will also have a free choice book that they can decide to keep for the week.

Homework: Homework will be given each Friday and is due in the following Friday. Spellings should be practised daily with your child little and often is the best way to retain knowledge.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a phone call. Thank you for your support.

Mr. Bradley and Mrs McCabe