

# Apollo Class Newsletter

## Spring

### Welcome back Apollo Class!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great Christmas. We are very excited to be moving into our new classroom and we have been to visit it together.

### Reminders

Please make sure your child has the following in school every day:

- Reading book- Will be changed on Fridays
- Water bottle
- Wellies and rain coat
- Change of clothes

### Class Dojo

Please check Class Dojo regularly, this is how we contact parents and send messages regarding events.

### English and Phonics

This term in English we will be reading 'The Dinosaur Rap' poem by John Foster. We will read the 'Man on the Moon' stories by Simon Bartram, so that we can create our own adventure story for the main character. We will also be creating non-chronological reports about the explorers we learn about in History.

We will continue with our daily phonics lessons working on securing the Chapter 3 sounds.

We will also be introducing some time for handwriting lessons where we will work on our letter formation. As part of our warm up for our fine motor skills, we will be watching the Dough Disco videos.

### Science

Our Science topics this term are 'Habitats around the World' and 'Life Cycles.'

### Continuous Provision

We will continue to have lots of exciting learning challenges in our classroom, and we will be adding a station with board games on to develop our conversation and turn taking skills with our friends.

### PE

PE days are on Wednesday and Thursday. Some children may have PE on a different day and you will be told this on Class Dojo. Please ensure your child comes in their PE kit on those days

## Curriculum:

### Maths

We will be learning:

- Capacity and volume- measuring in litres and reading scales
- Temperature- Measuring and reading scales on a thermometer.
- Fractions- identifying quarters, three quarters and thirds.
- Continue to work on counting skills, ordering numbers addition and subtraction

### Geography

Our Geography topic this term is 'Around the World.' We will be learning about the continents and oceans and looking at animals in our local area and in various other countries.

### History

Our topic this term is 'Explorers'. We will be learning about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

## **Art/DT**

In DT, we will be creating chairs for Baby Bear and testing different ways to improve stability.

In art, we will be looking at mixing colours and textures to create collages.

## **Computing**

Mouse pad skills – We will be developing our skills using the mouse pad on the laptops.

Online safety - we will be learning how to ensure we are safe online.

## **RE**

Hindu Dharma- We will explore Hindu beliefs about God and explore how people show their devotion.

Islam- We will explore Muslim beliefs about God and why they believe it is important to obey God.

## **PSHE**

This term we will be learning about relationships and will be focussing on friendships and bullying.

## **Reading Lessons**

This term, we will introduce individual reading lessons. The children will read some of a guided reading text at their individual level with an adult. The following day they will complete a follow-up task related to the text and their individual reading targets.

## **Music**

Children will be exploring the differences between rhythm and pulse in music and identifying patterns in the songs they hear.

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day or send a message on Class Dojo.

Miss Fletcher