

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you had a good Christmas break.

Curriculum

Our main History Topic for the term is 'Toys Old and New' where children will learn to recognise how toys have changed over time by comparing Victorian toys to modern day toys. This will be supported by a visit to The V&A Museum of Childhood on the **19th March**.

Our Geography topic for first half term is to name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

English

In English the children will be using a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts to stimulate their writing. Some of the texts will include Traction Man, Beegu and information texts on Toys. Children will continue to maintain their reading through regular independent and guided sessions which should be supported with daily reading at home. We really appreciate some of the excellent reading support that has taken place at home over the Autumn Term.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to follow the 'Inspire Maths' programme, building on the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach, ensuring a deeper understanding of all mathematical concepts. We will be developing the children's understanding of addition and subtraction within 20 as well as introducing how to measure length in 'units' and how to measure the mass of objects using the terms 'heaviest/heavier, lightest/lighter'

Science

Our science topic this term is 'Everyday materials' where the children will be learning what things are made of as well as how to group materials according to their properties . We will also be exploring the seasonal changes and observing the changes that happen as we enter Spring. The children will continue to have opportunities to work scientifically and apply skills of investigation.

Other areas

In Music, the children will continue to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing a range of different songs. They will also have the opportunity to play different tuned and un-tuned instruments.

This term, within RE, we will be exploring Christianity and Judaism by learning about some of the Christian values and why the Shabbat is important to Jews.

In Computing the children will be learning the basics of coding using the app 'Daisy the Dinosaur' as well as how to create a poster using Microsoft Word.

PE will continue to be on a Monday for Celsius Class and a Thursday for Fahrenheit Class. Please ensure that your child has their school PE kit in school, consisting of a plain white t-shirt and navy or black shorts or leggings.

Spellings will continue to be sent home every Thursday to be returned on the following Tuesday, when they will be tested. The homework grid will also continue to be sent out at the beginning of each half term with a range of different activities for your child to complete if they so wish.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to another successful term. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

Julie Bailey and Fancy Angela