



Spring Term 2021

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



A Happy New Year to you all.

Our learning this term builds on from the autumn as we further explore our amazing world through the theme of 'Near and Far'

PE:

This term we welcome Mr Brown who is covering for Mrs Lee-Turner while she is on maternity leave. He will help us in developing our gymnastic skills as well as continuing to hone our ball - skills through the many 'multi-skills' activities he will challenge us with.

PE continues to take place on Thursdays and your child will need to come to school in their PE kit as they did last term. Thank you for your help in this.

Art and Design:

As winter moves to spring, we will be learning through a variety of mediums to record what we see and feel. We will explore both primary and secondary colours and use them in our work. They will be asked to design what they will make, select materials to use and have time to reflect on their creations.

PSHE:

We will use our Commander Jo missions to expand our learning as we discover that 'Friendships may be found in unlikely places', as well as the need to understand how 'obstacles can often be a stepping stone to greater things'.

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: these will continue to take place first thing on Wednesdays. The new list of the weekly spellings for the whole term can be found in your child's school bag. In addition I have added it to your child's 'School360' classroom if you ever mislay it.

Homework: Firstly, thank you for all the support you give to your child's learning through the weekly homework activities and also the regular reading practice you undertake. Homework will continue to be sent out on a Tuesday and taken in on the following Monday.

Commando Jo: This continues with regular missions being set to challenge team work and communication skills, while having lots of fun too!

Geography:

Following our autumn term's learning about our locality we will use this to compare and contrast to other areas of our world. The Continent of Africa will inspire us to see similarities and differences and the effect of hot and cold weather. This will allow us to continue in our observation of our amazing British weather; learning further about the season of winter and the changes as we head into spring. We will be considering and locating where the north and south poles can be found, along with position of the equator.

RE:

We continue with the theme of Christmas into the New Year; allowing us to talk about how different people celebrate, as well as the arrival of the wise men.

New Year allows us to reflect on the past and consider the future as well making comparisons to the Chinese New Year celebrations.

We continue learning about the Christian faith, considering why Christians think that Jesus is special; hearing some of the stories He told. We will think about why He shared them and what they mean to Christians. The term ends with our Easter celebrations, allowing us to revisit the Easter story and consider why Easter matters to Christians.

History:

As we head into the year 2021 this gives us the opportunity to consider how dates can be made into a timeline. We will be able to add to the class timeline through the term. We will be learning more about our Queen and her family, and beginning to see that we have had kings and queens in our country for many years.

Science:

We are always eager to ask scientific questions and consider ways to find out the answers. There will be a focus on materials this term. Thinking about the various materials we find around us and identifying objects which are made from them. We will continue to look at the amazing variety of animals we find in our world and explore the habitats where they reside.

Computing:

We continue to learn to keep ourselves safe while using the computers to enhance our learning across the curriculum.