



Spring Term 2022

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.

Computing:

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

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: these will continue to take place on Wednesdays. The new list of the weekly spellings for the whole term was sent out in the homework book, but can also be found in the School360 Classroom.

Homework: Firstly, thank you for all the support you give to your child's learning through the weekly homework activities and 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 promote team work and communication skills, while having lots of fun too!

Geography:

Following our autumn term's learning about our locality we will be using this to compare and contrast with other areas of our world with a focus on the Arctic and Antarctic; expanding later in the term to considering outer space. We continue in our observation of our amazing British weather; learning 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.

History:

We will be learning about people who have impacted on our world, with a focus on explorers linked with the Arctic/ Antarctic as well as space exploration.

PSHE:

We focus on two themes over the term including – being healthy and understanding about money. 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'.

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 about him. The term ends with our Easter celebrations, allowing us to revisit the Easter story and consider why Easter matters to Christians.

Science:

We are always eager to ask scientific questions and consider ways to find out the answers. There will be a focus on animals this term; thinking about the various way animals are grouped and identifying those in our locality. We will be able to consider how animals are adapted to the environments where they live; focussing on those which live in the Arctic and Antarctic. As we move towards spring we will begin to focus on plants and how they grow.