



Summer Term 2021

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Our topic this term is 'Our Changing World'

With the arrival of the summer term, we now turn to a new topic which I have named 'Our Changing World' – broad enough to take in the range of learning we will be covering. We will be using the themes to explore many of our Science concepts as well as linking into our History and Geography curriculum too. An exciting term lies ahead!

PE:

For the first part of the term we are joined once again by 'Matthew,' our cricket coach. He will give us the opportunity to continue to develop our throwing, catching and batting skills. In addition he will teach gamesmanship and tactics through fun competitive games and activities. Later in the term we turn to Athletics to challenge us in our individual skills. Mr Brown continues to engage the class in high quality PE on Thursdays.

Note: PE kit is needed to be worn to school on both Thursday and Friday. Many thanks for your help with this.

Art and Design:

We continue to have many opportunities to create with a variety of mediums to develop skills within different aspects of Art – drawing/ painting/ printing/ 3D modelling. We continue to look at a variety of artists: Mondrian/ Picasso/ Kandinsky. We will use them to help us develop our work in the use of pattern and colour as well as collage. In addition to this, and linking with our Science work on materials, we will be looking at fabric and using it in our art and design too.

Spelling Test:

Well done to everybody for your continued work on the weekly spellings. This term we are focussing on suffixes and prefixes which are part of the Year 1 curriculum. In addition, I have added spellings linked to the Year 1 Common Exception words and particularly refined them to the ones which the class currently find more difficult.

Homework:

After a short break from Homework tasks I am once again starting to send them home weekly. As previously, I will link them to work we have or will be doing in class. As we settle back into this, I hope to set the work on a Tuesday with a return date of the following Monday (Note: the current Homework task does not follow this pattern). For some pieces of work, if they include any research to be undertaken, I may give a longer time scale. Please let me know if there is any issue with this schedule. We continue to challenge the children in class to have the same pride in their writing across all curriculum areas. It would be good to see this also in their homework books.

Commando Joe:

We will continue to follow the missions set by Commando Jan! The missions this term are based around the TV personality Steve Backshall. The themes of many of the missions link well with a focus on environmental issues and the need for us to continue to care for our world. They will also enhance our teamwork skills.

RE:

This term we change our focus from Christianity to Islam; giving us the opportunity to learn about a different faith and the key beliefs within it. We will take time to make comparisons with the Christian faith: identifying both similarities and differences.

Science:

Science will be an important part of this term's work. We will be looking at the similarities and difference between materials; learning about what things are made from and why. We will continue to monitor the effects of the seasons of spring and summer; spending time looking at seeds and plants and having the opportunity to watch them grow. We will continue our learning about how to keep ourselves healthy, as well as keeping our world healthy too.

Humanities:

We look forward to learning about a variety of historical figures from kings and queens and explorers to those who we acknowledge through the year ie Florence Nightingale. We will be looking at castles and considering why they were built and what it would be like to live in one.