



Year 1/2 ~ Spring Newsletter 2020

Hello and welcome back, after what we hope was a lovely Christmas break! We are looking forward to this term and making learning as fun and enjoyable for the children as we can.

Our topic for this half term is 'All Around the World'. We will be exploring different aspects of this including habitats, continents, food, traditions and animals.

If you are DBS checked and are able to come and help us out either in school or on a trip, please come and let us know. Anytime you can spare would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please pop in and see us.

The Year 1/2 Team

Topic Ideas

- * Learning about the world.
- * Exploring the habitats, microhabitats and the animals that live there.
- * Looking at local traditions and comparing life in other countries compared to ours.
- * In Geography, looking at countries and continents and the animals that live there. We will also be looking at the weather in each of these countries.
- * Cooking/eating different food from around the world.

Literacy

- * Using books such as 'Meerkat Mail' and 'The Ugly Five'.
- * Using drama and role play to support our writing.
- * Children to write a non-chronological report about an animal.
- * Thinking about word classes (verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs)
- * Sentence types (commands, questions, exclamatory & statements)
- Y2: * Using conjunctions to make complex and compound sentences.

Maths

- * 2D shapes
- * Fractions
- * Statistics (Graphs and Tallies)
- * Time
- * Addition & Subtraction
- * Positional language
- * Multiplication & Division

Dates for your diary



SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural)

This term, through our topic, we will be looking at the world and comparing it to our local environment. Through our topic, we will experience different cultures to our own and this will help us to be accepting of other ideas and beliefs.

In Religious Education, we will be exploring stories from the Old Testament and also looking at the Easter story.

Creative & Physical Development

In Music, children will be exploring sounds, through songs. They will be looking at music from different countries and thinking about the large variety of instruments that are used.

This term, we will continue our games unit but this term we will be learning Netball ready for our Inter-house matches. The children will develop their skills of different ways of using a ball i.e. passing the ball around body parts, patting and bouncing the ball, throwing and catching, rolling and receiving, kicking the ball and dribbling.

Our Dance Unit this term will be about 'Movements'. The children will think about the different movements they can carry out to music that has a variety of tempos and pitches. In Spring 2, the children will explore dances from different countries.

In ICT this term, we are learning basic computer skills e.g. logging on/off the computer, open and save a document, type in upper and lower case letters, change fonts and insert clipart. We will use the laptops and iPads to research different animals for our non-chronological report.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at the different continents and discussing the countries found in there. We will also be looking at the different oceans that surround the continents.

Our unit this term is on weather and seasons. We are going to study the weather over a period of time and create our own weather report which we will film and take on the role of a weather reporter. Please look out on the website for these!

Science

This term our unit is on habitats and living things. We will be learning about the different habitats around the world and studying the animals that live there. We will then see these different habitats and animals on our trip to Marwell Zoo.

Reminders

- **Snacks/Drinks** - Children are provided with fruit and vegetables from the government so do not need to bring their own snack in unless they dislike apples, bananas, pears, carrots and oranges.
- Please send your children into school with a named water bottle.
- **Homework** - Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and is due in the **Thursday** afterwards. Please support your children in understanding what their homework is.
- **PE** - Children should have their PE kits in school all week. PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that girls have spare socks for PE if they come to school in tights. Earrings **must** be removed or covered with medical tape and hair needs to be tied back in order to keep the children safe. In the winter months, please ensure children have warm clothes to wear for PE.
- **Reading** - Please read with your children as much as you can. (We know you have busy lives and this isn't always possible.) Reading regularly is so important in helping the children progress.
- **Help in School** - Any help in school with listening to readers, arts and craft activities and school trips would be greatly appreciated. If you can give us any of your time, please pop in and have a chat with us. Thank you in advance! ☺

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in advance. If you have any questions, please come and speak to us! ☺