

Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring term.



English: This term, we will be learning about animals and insects of the Amazon Rainforest. The children will be making notes, writing a non-chronological report and writing their own non-fiction book about their favourite animals. Towards the end of the Spring term the children will also read a range of stories based in Africa and will write their own stories that include the same settings and animals featured in the stories they've read. The children will also be reading a range of nursery rhymes and poems, looking for rhyming words and alliteration. The children will have the opportunity to write their own poems.

Maths: This term we will be learning to tell the time – o'clock and half past. We will also be looking at the properties of 3D shapes, as well as totaling amounts of money and finding change. We will be revising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using what we know to complete missing number sequences that increase and decrease in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be exploring pairs of numbers that make 10 and 20 and using these number bonds to help us add and takeaway. Towards the end of the Spring term, the children will be revising adding and taking away single and two digit numbers. They will also be learning about place value and ordering numbers. The children be learning to find a $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a number as well as finding doubles and halves of numbers.

Geography: This term, we will be learning about the countries within the United Kingdom. We will be looking at the location of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in relation to England. We will explore how the landscape of each country is different and learn about the human and physical features of each country. Towards the end of the unit, we will learn about weather patterns and how they compare within each part of the UK.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3rd January 2024: INSET Day

Spring 1 starts: Thursday 4th January 2024

NSPCC numbers day: Friday 2nd February 2024

Internet safety day: Tuesday 6th February 2024

Pancake Toss: Friday 9th February 2024

Spring 1 ends: Friday 9th February 2024

Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

INSET Day: Monday 19th February 2024

Spring 2 starts: Tuesday 20th February 2024

World book day: Thursday 7th March 2024

Wonderful Women Church service: Friday 8th March 2024

Parents' Evening: Tuesday 19th March 2024 **and** Thursday 21st March 2024

Easter Church service **and** Easter Bonnet Parade: Thursday 28th March 2024

Spring 2 ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter half term: Friday 28th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer 1 starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Reminders

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday.

Homework is handed out every Friday and due back in on the following Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's spelling book is kept in their homework folder so that we can record their scores for you.

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PE: The children will learn what 'team work' is and begin by taking part in simple team games. They'll learn how to communicate effectively and use this in their team games. They'll also learn to play simple team games that involve passing, throwing and catching. The children will also complete their first 'gymnastics' unit which will be led by the Windsor Sports Partnership. The children will also learn some basic pilates movements and stretches.

Music: The children will continue to learn about pitch, tempo, timbre, pulse and rhythm. They will listen to a variety of music and share their opinions about each. They will also learn how to follow a pictorial score and play percussive instruments to accompany a piece of music.

Art: The children will learn that art can tell a story by representing characters and settings. They will explore different pieces of art, compare and contrast colours and styles of art work such as 'pointillism'. The children will explore using different brushstrokes to create various effects, as well as mixing colours (creating tints and shades).

Science: The children will learn to recognise daily and seasonal changes in the weather. They will learn that our seasons are caused by the tilt of the Earth. The children will compare the changes that happen across the four seasons and how we adapt to suit the weather. The children will look at the symbols we use to represent the weather and the tools that we use to measure and observe rainfall, wind and temperature.

ICT: This term, we will be exploring algorithms and how every action has a result. The children will learn how to direct and program a bee-bot through a maze that they have created. The children will also learn how to type on a word document, as well as change the size and type of font they use.

PSHE: The children will learn how to explain what will help them to succeed in a learning challenge and explain how this makes them feel. They'll learn to explain why it is important to store positive feelings in their internal treasure chest and how this can help them in their future learning.

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