

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. The children will also be exploring a wordless text called 'Professional Crocodile' where they will have the opportunity to explore the books beautiful and detailed illustrations. Finally, they will have the opportunity to write their own version of the story by choosing a different animal as the main character. Towards the end of the half term, the children will be reading 'The Magic Bed' where they will explore fantasy settings and magic! They will have the opportunity to write both character and setting descriptions.

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.

R.E: This half term the children will be learning about 'Creation' and will read and retell the 'Creation Story'. They will learn about what the story means to Christian people and what they and other people may be thankful for. We will also read the 'Easter Story' and discuss its importance to Christian people. We will link this to the new beginnings and Spring and how new life is all around us.

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.

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 artwork such as 'pointillism'. The children will explore using different brushstrokes to create various effects, as well as mixing colours (creating tints and shades).



Upcoming Events

Monday 6th January: INSET

Friday 31st January: Year 1 class assembly

Thursday 6th February: Internet Safety Day

Friday 7th February: NSPCC Numbers Day

Thursday 13th February: History day

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February: Half term

Monday 24th February: INSET

Tuesday 25th February: Spring 2 term begins

Tuesday 4th March: Pancake toss

Monday 10th March: Beginning of Science week

Friday 14th March: Datchet's Got Talent

Friday 28th March: Wonderful Women church service

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April: Easter Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April: INSET

Wednesday 23rd April: Summer 1 term starts

Reminder: Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Homework is handed out on a Friday and due back the following Wednesday. Please make sure your child's spelling book is in their folder so we can record the results of their spelling test.