

Year 1 Spring Term Topics

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely end of term break!

We would like to thank you for all your support last term and we look forward to another fun filled busy term with the children. This term we will be learning some exciting things and we have a visit from the Animal Man planned in the second half term to link in with our science curriculum from last term to consolidate previous learning.

Reading:	This term we are going to be reading 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' by David Conway. We can't wait to explore the book with your children and find out how Lila managed to save her village from the drought. We shall be looking at the language the author has chosen and using this to explore new vocabulary. We shall also look at a wide breadth of other books that will support our main text. Around Shrove Tuesday we shall be exploring the book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' by Jan Fearnly.
Writing:	During writing lessons, we will be using our main focus story of 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' to explore how to write a good story. Our key skills this term are to look at question marks and using and to join sentences together. We shall also be continuing to focus on the following key skills during this term; using full stops, fingers spaces, capital letters and capital letters for the pronoun I. We shall also be exploring writing instructions and how to apply these key skills to effective instructional texts.
Maths:	During our maths lessons this term we shall we exploring number 20 – 50 in depth looking at place value and understanding the concept of what happens to numbers when we add and subtract them. We shall also explore 2d and 3d shapes in our environments.
Science:	In science we shall be exploring materials and their properties. We will be looking closely at the environment around us and how we can identify the materials that objects are made from. We shall be exploring how to describe the properties of those materials. In the second half of the term we shall move onto looking at Seasonal Changes and how the seasons impact on what we do.
R.E.:	During R.E. lessons we will be exploring the disposition of 'Being fair and just and being accountable and living with integrity'. Later in the term we will be exploring the disposition of 'Being courageous and confident and loyal and steadfast.'
P.H.S.E.:	In P.S.H.E we will be discussing the theme of Living in the Wider World. We will be exploring belonging to a community and how to care for each other and the environment. We will also be looking at internet safety and how we can use digital equipment responsibly.
P.E.:	This term, we will be developing our skills in Dance and Gymnastics.
Across the curriculum:	Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunity to develop their creative skills through; music, design and technology and art. In art we are looking at self portraits and painting and in DT we shall be exploring card and how to make our own sliding picture. In Geography we will be learning about the United Kingdom. After half term we will be studying History by looking at Transport over time.

Important information

Please make sure your child brings their book and book bag to school every day.

P.E is currently on a Wednesday afternoon and the focus is on Dance. Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit for the day.

How can you help?

You can help us in school by:

- Reading everyday with your child, this really helps your child progress and develop an enjoyment for reading.
- Talk to your child about their day. Ask what they have enjoyed about each day. Being able to answer questions in full sentences will help your child develop their vocabulary and understanding.
- Making sure your child gets lots of sleep.
- Bringing in a water bottle every day.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Taylor, Miss Leach, Mrs Langham, Miss Campbell