

Year 1 Spring term 1

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable festive break.

Our experience topic this term is called 'Where will our travels take us?' This unit will give us the opportunity to explore the UK, the countries and capital cities. We will use our geography skills to explore maps, fieldwork and observational skills.

Each week we will discover the timeline of a different mode of transport and take our class teddy on an adventure travelling across the UK. I wonder what we will find out about? Where will our travels take us? Be sure to ask your child about our travels each week, what facts can they tell you?

KEY DATES

27th Jan- Siblings Photo day, Nursery, Pre School and anyone new to the school - After school group shots for anyone who would like to attend.

1st Feb- Science Day

WB 7th Feb- Mental health week.

11th Feb - dressing up day – what do you want to be when you grow up?

11th Feb- Last day of term.

21st Feb- Back to school.

PSHE — Mental health and well-being is continuing to be our focus for this year. Children will continue to work on the Zones of Regulation and how to share and regulate their emotions. As part of our school branches we are focusing on respectful mouse. We will look growth mindset and helping the children to recognise their strengths and to think positive about themselves as well as learning from their experiences.

Maths—

The children will be learning about addition and subtraction of numbers bridging 10. We will be exploring length, height, weight and volume.

A big focus of the half term will be looking at place value with numbers to 50.

We will also be working on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Science — This half term we are going to be learning about animals. The children will learn how to care for different creatures and recognising and classifying a variety of animals.

Things to remember!

The drop-off time is 8:45am—8:55am every morning and the pick up is 3:10pm in the afternoon. Please try not to gather around the door when the children are coming into school. If you would like to speak to a member of staff please wait until all children are in.

English, spelling and phonics

We will be sending out weekly spellings. These will be stuck in your child's reading diary every Friday. It is important that your child practises these at home as it helps to develop their spelling and in turn improve their writing.

We will continue with daily phonics lessons. The children are learning phase 5 sounds and recapping phase 2 and 3.

When reading with your children, please encourage them to use their phonics to sound out any unfamiliar words, looking for individual phonemes, digraphs and tri-graphs.

In English our focus this half term will be Oliver Jeffers. We will use his stories to practice our writing skills, developing speaking in full sentences and expanding the vocabulary and use of descriptive language. We will be enhancing our reading skills by engaging with a range of stories, discussions and drama.

PE—Our PE will be taking place every Monday (Fir) and Wednesday (Elm) Please send your child in wearing a correct PE kit, as the weather is now getting colder, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate kit. We will also be using Go Noodle and Cosmic Yoga to have movement breaks in class throughout the day.

Swimming— Our swimming has now ended, and will be picked up again in the summer term.

Art and design

This term we will be designing and making our own cars as part of our experience unit. The children will be able to experience using different materials and tools to make their own vehicle.



Home work

Please remember to support your child with daily reading and recording it in their reading diary.

Please continue to use Bug Club to read with your child. We will regularly update their book levels. Please also encourage use of numbots as this helps develop their maths skills. All log in details are stuck in their reading diaries.