



Year 1 Spring Newsletter



We would like to welcome you back to the beginning of Spring Term 2. We hope you enjoyed a restful half term break. We have yet another busy and exciting half term planned.

Topic



We will be starting our new topic called 'Splendid Skies'. To begin, we will be discussing what we already know about weather before we observe the changes that occur through the seasons. We will then have a literacy focus and produce some weather related poetry. After this, we will be studying aerial shots of our island and labelling the human and physical features. Finally, we will study famous works of art and produce our own weather images.

English



Reading; Your child is learning to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics, a very popular and successful literacy programme. Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to: *Read letters by their 'sounds' *Blend these sounds into words *Read the words in a story. Your child will bring home a levelled letter at each re-grouping. This will detail the learning taking place within the daily lessons. Please continue to encourage daily reading at home as building fluency is the key to success.

Writing; We will continue to embed our phonic knowledge in all writing activities e.g. topic, science and PSHE. In addition to this, we will continue to complete an extended written task each week. The task may be a retelling of a familiar tale or it may require the children to write their own simple narrative using prompts.

Maths

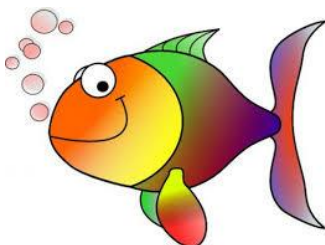


We will begin the term on Chapter 10: Numbers to 40. The beginning of the chapter focuses on counting to 40 in different ways and writing numbers to 40. We will then move on to Chapter 11: Addition and Subtraction word problems. This Chapter provides the foundations for the visual and proportional representation required for using bar modelling as the primary strategy for solving word problems. We will finish the term on Chapter 12: Multiplication. Pupils will learn the foundations of equal groupings, repeated addition, arrays and doubling.

Science

This half term we will be starting a new science unit about Seasonal Changes. We will be identifying and naming the four seasons. We will be discussing the changes in day length, choice of clothes, and tree appearance. We will be making a rain gauge to measure the rainfall throughout March. The children will become weather forecasters. They will plan, prepare and perform a weather report in pairs. Finally the children will predict the changes that we will see when we move from Spring to Summer.

Art/DT



Our main Art focus this term will continue to be linked to the whole school project where we explore how to use feedback to help children make improvements to their learning, based on research on 'Visible Learning' by John Hattie. They will be exploring the fish theme further by working with local artist Katherine Cadin.

IT



In IT, we are focussing on being 'TV Chefs.' This will be focussing on creating a set of instructions to make a simple snack or meal. First they will look at the recipe algorithm for a jam sandwich. After this, the children will write scripts for their own snack or meal before filming and editing their TV clip.

PE



PE days remain the same; **Monday** and **Tuesday**. This term in indoor PE we will be focussing on Dance. We will focus on the theme 'Seasons'. By the end of this unit, the children should be able to make different shapes with their bodies as they travel, jump and spin. We will also focus on giving constructive feedback to our peers. They will learn to perform independently and with a partner. Outdoor PE will focus on football skills. The children will learn to participate in team games by developing simple tactics for attacking and defending. They will also develop their agility and co-ordination.

RE



This half term, our focus is the Easter Story. Liz Lambotte will be leading the weekly half an hour sessions. The children will be linking everyday events and situations like having a guest over and why this is important. They will touch on the religious events leading up to Easter at a suitable level.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education)



In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, our topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will be discussing what a healthy and balance diet looks like. We will discuss the importance of physical activity and how we can ensure we are getting enough. We will end the chapter by discussing healthy relationships and how to stay calm and deal with difficult decisions.

Music



In music, we will be focussing on linking the topic Splendid Skies to our lessons. We will learn to play some simple rhymes related to weather on ukulele and glockenspiels. We will continue to develop our ability to read music by focussing on the notes used. We will discuss the importance of rhythm and tempo too.

Other

Useful Websites

- Busy Things **Username** = home8972 **Password** = crazy8362
- Oxford Owl 1A **Username** = year1amisst **Password** = Year1AMissT
- Oxford Owl 1B **Username** = year1bmissd **Password** = Year1BMissD

Key Dates

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

Red Nose Day: Friday 15th March

Visible Learning/Fish Project – Grand Exhibition: Thursday 21st March 2pm – 4 pm in the hall.

Miss Dufty's Class Assembly: Friday 29th March at 2:15pm

Sponsored Walk: Friday 5th April (more information to follow)

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 23rd April