

Spring Term in Class One...



English

This term our units of work include writing instructions, a character description, a pirate story, poetry, an invitation and a recount of an experience day.

Children will be focusing on correct punctuation (capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas and exclamation marks) and expanding sentences using conjunctions (and but so).

Spelling

It is really important that children learn the spellings sent home as this is something that will be assessed in their writing.

Handwriting

We are really focusing on handwriting. Children must learn to use cursive print (with leading lines) and form letters correctly in order to achieve the end of year writing standards for their year group.

Reading

We will continue to develop our comprehension skills through Guided Reading and Home Reading books.

Please try to read every day with your child. Just a few minute everyday makes a HUGE difference.

Mathematics

In number our focus is improving addition and subtraction skills, and learning about multiplication and division. We will also be working on fractions with Year 2 and counting, reading and writing numbers with Reception.

Mental maths

We are working on quick recall of number facts including: pairs of numbers that make 5, 10, 20 (and up to 20) and 100; times tables and counting in 2s, 3s (Year 2), 5s and 10s; odd and even numbers and number sequences/patterns.

Measurement

This will focus on measuring length, height, weight and volume.

Science

We will be developing our scientific enquiry skills through the topics of:

*Seasonal changes and weather.

This involves testing, measuring and recording changes in weather by making our own weather station.

*Animals – ‘Wild and Wonderful Creatures’ This topic looks at types of animals, habitats and food.

RE & SMSC

We will be exploring the meanings of religious symbols and looking at similarities and differences between religious ways of life. We will learn how to be thankful.

Music

Children will use their voices expressively singing Easter and Pirate themed songs and rhymes. Children will begin to explore a range of tuned and untuned instruments.

How you can help...

*Encourage children to read a little every day and discuss their reading using the bookmark questions to help with understanding and comprehension skills.

*Help children to learn their weekly spellings. Try to notice the spelling patterns when reading.

*Help children complete handwriting practice booklets and make sure whenever children write that they using the cursive font (leading lines and exit flicks).

*Complete home learning sent out on a Friday.

Topic (History/Geography/Art/DT)

‘Land Ahoy’ is our pirate themed topic for this half term. We will be learning about famous pirates from the past. We will also explore the oceans and continents of the world that the pirates would have visited and create maps and fact files.

‘Amazing Animals’ For this half term our topic of amazing animals will support our science theme. We will discover types of habitats and where they can be found in the world. We will investigate nocturnal animals.

Reminders... PE is on a *Tuesday* and *Friday*.

Please leave PE kits in school and we will send home each half term. Welly Wednesday.

Please provide old clothes and wellies. PSHE and Circle Time is covered within Welly Wednesday.

Don't forget...

We are always available to talk at the end of school. If you have any questions or concerns at any time please come over to us.

Mrs Davis: Monday-Tuesday

Miss Robson: Wednesday-Friday