

Spring Term Newsletter- Class 1



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. Firstly, I would like to say thank you for all of the support that you gave Miss Bevan last term with the Christmas play and supporting your child with work at home.

Topic

This term our topic is Splendid Skies. The children will be learning about the weather and how to create, perform and record a weather forecast. They will find out how aeroplanes and birds can fly and will discuss how the village looks different from above by using aerial images. The children will also be exploring the history of flight and will make models of hot air balloons in groups using paper mache. We are also going to visit RAF Cosford on the 27th March where the children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of different types of aircraft as well as finding out their answers to scientific questions about flight. More information will follow shortly. In French the children will focus on numbers and colours and during RE lessons they will be talking about the importance of families and engaging in religious stories. The children will also continue learning a variety of skills in Rock-It music sessions with Mr Herman, including how to play several different instruments, such as the keyboard, glockenspiel and melodica. If you or your child has any books or models related to our topic at home that you would like to send in to share that would be greatly appreciated.

Literacy

In Literacy the children will be exploring a range of texts including fiction, non-fiction and poetry which will be linked to our topic Splendid Skies. These texts include My Friend the Weather Monster, The Cloudspotter, The Secret of Lila and the Rain as well as a range of non-fiction and poetry books about the weather and the seasons. They will continue to learn how to think, write and say their sentences before writing them down and will begin to check their writing for capital letters and full stops. They practise their handwriting on a daily basis and will have the opportunity to write poems, stories and non-fiction booklets. The children will also begin to have spellings to learn at home. Each set of spellings will follow a particular rule and they will be tested weekly.

Numeracy

In numeracy the children will be learning to recognise odd and even numbers and they shall be counting in twos, fives and tens. They will be calculating the answers to addition and subtraction questions up to 20 and in doing so we will be recording how they worked them out. They will also be sharing objects into equal groups and we will be finding half of shapes. In each area of Numeracy, they shall be solving mathematical problems.

Science

This half term we will be learning about the four seasons. The children will be finding out about the different characteristics and types of weather in each season. They will be taking part in a variety of experiments such as measuring and recording shadows and rainfall and they will be finding out how daylight changes depending on the time of year.

PE

The children have PE twice a week on a Tuesday and Wednesday. This term the children will be taking part in Games learning key skills, such as catching, throwing and rolling balls with the Progressive Sports Coaches and Dance, where they will learn to link their movements to music. Please let me know if your child is unable to take part in PE either by telling me in the morning or by sending in a letter. The children have really enjoyed the PE lessons so far so please can you make sure that they have a named PE kit in school at all times. The children will also need to be able to take their own earrings out if they have them pierced or not wear earrings on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reading, Homework and Show & Tell

We will be reading with the children on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure the children have their reading book and diaries in school every day. Please use the reading diaries to record when your child reads and home and let us know how they are getting on.

Thank you so much for your support with the children's homework. They come in very proud of their work on a Monday/Tuesday morning. I shall continue to send this home on a Friday. The children will also be having spellings to learn and they will be tested on these weekly.

Show & Tell is on a Monday. This is an opportunity for the children to bring in certificates, leaflets from outings and special mementos that they might like to share with the rest of the class.

If you need to contact me, please do not hesitate to do so. I am available before and after school.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs L Astley