

Spring Term Newsletter- Class 1



Welcome back and Happy New Year! Thank you for the kind cards and gifts and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. The children have settled into Year 1 and have really enjoyed their first term in Year 1. This term our topic is 'Splendid Skies' and I'm sure the children will enjoy all the new learning we have planned.

Topic

The children will be learning about the weather and how to create, perform and record a weather forecast. They will find out how aeroplanes 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 papier-mache. We shall also be visiting RAF Cosford where the children will explore the museum and investigate how parachutes and helicopters move - more information will follow shortly. In French the children will focus on the weathers and seasons 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 Mrs Smith, including how to play several different instruments, such as the keyboard, glockenspiel and drums. 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, some of which will be linked to our topic Splendid Skies. These texts include Last Stop on Market Street, Grandad's Island and Kites 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 check their writing for capital letters, full stops and begin to use question marks and exclamation marks. 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.

Mathematics

In maths the children will be learning to add and subtract within 20. They will count to 50 forwards and backwards from any number and they will read and write numbers to 50 in numerals. They will identify one more and one less and they will learn to identify and represent numbers using objects and pictures including number lines. The children will use the language of equal to, more than, less than, most and least and will count in multiples of twos, fives and tens. They will also measure and begin to record mass/weight, capacity and volume. In each area of maths, they will also 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 Monday and Thursday or every third 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 Gymnastics, where they will learn a variety of movements on the floor and on the apparatus. 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 will also need to be able to take their own earrings out if they have them pierced or not wear earrings on P.E days.

Reading, Homework and Show & Tell

Please ensure the children have their reading book and diaries in school on their reading days. Please use the reading diaries to record when your child reads and home and let us know how they are getting on.

The children will also be having spellings to learn and they will be tested on these weekly.

'Show & Tell' is on a Friday. This is an opportunity for the children to bring in certificates (from events or clubs that they take part in), leaflets from outings, special mementos, photos or books (no toys please!) that they might like to share with the rest of the class and if appropriate share in Gold Assembly.

If you need to contact me, please do not hesitate to do so. I am available before and after school or you can email me staff16@croft.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Paola Daniel and Class 1 team