

YEAR 1 NEWS

Dear Parent & Carers, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

Topic

Our topic this half term is all about 'Australia'. We will be learning about where Australia is in the world and how it differs from the UK in terms of animals, climate and physical geography. We will also learn about how the UK and Australia are historically connected and share lots of culture.

English

We will start the half term by exploring the book – Toys in Space. We will begin by exploring a range of different toys which will prompt lots of writing opportunities, we will be focused on the use of adjectives to describe them and verbs to explore what actions the toys will be doing. By the end of the unit we will be writing our own version of this imaginative story applying all the learning throughout the unit.

Maths

This half term we will begin by exploring simple multiplication, this will include practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. This can be supported by using toys grouped into these numbers to support counting. We will then move on to exploring simple fractions, this will include halves and quarters, we will do this using numbers and also with shapes to see how they can be split into 2 or 4 equal groups. We will then end the half term by exploring Geometry, this will include simple turns.

Science

In Science we are looking at the seasons and weather throughout the year both in the local area and the world.

Geography Australia

In Geography the children will be learning about Australia! We will be practising our map-reading skills and practising using a key. We'll be exploring the different unusual animals native to Australia.



DT

This half term the children will explore preparing food. This will include them exploring a range of ingredients that can be used to create a healthy snack. We will explore hygiene practices when preparing food and using tools safely to prepare them. We will design, make and then evaluate our creations to.

Computing

This half term we will explore spreadsheets including what they look like and how to create our own simple representations. We will then move on to exploring the uses of technology beyond the classroom. At home you could explore the use of different technologies used at home and when you are exploring outdoors.

Our class novels this half term are:

Spyder and Cave Girl

RE

This half term we will look at Christianity and in particular explore the creation story as well as think about the way Christians communicate with God through prayer and giving thanks.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be Monday and Friday. Please ensure that the appropriate PE kit is worn on these days.

Music

This half term we will be learning a song called 'Your Imagination' and we'll also be listen to different music from Australia!

Reading

We request that children's books are brought into school everyday with their reading record, this means they can regularly update their reading book and read with adults in school. Children that read 4 or more times each week will be entered into the raffle draw to win an amazing prize.

Phonics

Children will be continue to have daily phonics lessons using the First Class Phonics Scheme, if you have any questions about this, dont hesitate to ask us. Children's reading books are identified by where they are currently at in their phonics learning journey.

PHONICS

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask...

The Year 1 Team