

Year 1 Newsletter - Spring 1 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year! This half term we will be learning through the theme of 'Heritage and Culture'. This topic allows our children to think critically about the world around them and beyond.

Attendance

Sparrow: 96.4%

Starling: 94%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers:



This half terms books are based on the amazing topic of 'Kings and Queens'. This is a extension from History and Geography topics and use the books, 'George the Dragon and 'The Queen's Hat' in our focused writing lessons.

The teaching of reading is continued by daily phonics lessons and guided reading. The children develop at their own level and are encouraged with engaging stories.

Spellings will be sent home weekly and are linked to the 100 High Frequency Words.

As scientists we are learning:

All about space and the different planets within the solar system. We will use a timeline to learn about the major events in space history and find out how Earth moves.

As Mathematicians we will be learning about:

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Numbers within 20

- To count forwards and backwards from zero to 20
- To group ten objects and count on from ten
- To recognise a 'ten' and 'ones' in teen numbers
- To compare and order numbers to 20
- To create patterns with numbers within 20

Adding and subtracting within 20.

- Counting on to add small amounts
- Counting back to subtract small amounts
- Using number bonds/known facts to add
- Using number bonds/known facts to subtract
- Using the 'Make ten' strategy to add
- Using the 'Make ten' strategy to subtract
- Applying strategies and experimenting with modelling

As theologians...

In RE this half term, we will be exploring a range of stories within Christianity and why they are important. We will gain a better understanding that religious beliefs can be expressed in different forms of art and literature.

As musicians:

We will continue to enjoy our Musical Bumps sessions where we are learning all about beat, rhythm and pitch.

As historians:

We will learn about Kings, Queens and Leaders. We will gain a better understanding about who has power and influence in our ruling.

As budding techies...

We will be learning how to code and use the internet safely.

As artists and designers:

We will be using a range of materials to create collages. This half term we are introducing DT and will be planning, constructing, and evaluating our own Tower Bridge creations.



As athletes:

We will be improving our dynamic balance and coordination skills as well as working with our classmates to develop our hand-eye skills when passing and receiving balls.

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As good citizens...

We will learn about how to make the right choice and how to keep environments safe and choose the safest option.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on MONDAY AND THURSDAY every week for Starlings and TUESDAY AND THURSDAY Sparrows. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant day.
- The homework for this term will be in Homework books. This is to be completed weekly and where relevant recorded in books
- Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday at the latest.
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments.
- Please bring in your child's reading book every day and their reading record book.

Thank you for your support!

Year 1 Team

Sparrow

Class Teachers: Miss Campbell

Starling

Class Teacher: Miss Swinney

Year 1 Teaching Assistant: Mrs Jalaei