

Year 1 Newsletter - Spring 1 2023

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: 92.4%

Starling: 92.3%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers:



This half terms books are based on the amazing topic of 'Kings and Queens'. This is an 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.

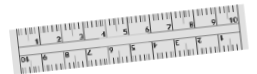
Spellings will be sent home weekly and are linked to the 100 High Frequency Words.

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. The Space Dome will be visiting us in school to find out more about space.

As Mathematicians we will be learning about:

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Numbers within 50

- To count forwards and backwards from zero to 50
- To group ten objects and count on from ten
- To recognise a 'ten' and 'ones' in teen numbers moving on to numbers with more 'tens'
- To compare and order numbers to 50
- To create patterns with numbers within 50

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. We will be having a 'Kings and Queens' dressing up day later on in the term too.

As geologists:

We will be exploring maps, plans and aerial views of different places. We will begin to ask questions and draw information from a simple map.

As budding techies...

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



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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.

As good citizens...

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

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.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on MONDAY AND THURSDAY every week for Starlings and TUESDAY AND THURSDAY for 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 add your comments onto the BoomHub app.
- Please bring in your child's reading book every day.

Thank you for your support!

Year 1 Team

Sparrow

Class Teachers: Miss Turner

Starling

Class Teacher: Miss Swinney

Year 1 Teaching Assistants: Miss Sarah