

Year 1 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back! During our second half term we will be doing lots of learning that centres around the theme of **Citizenship and the World**.

Attendance

Sparrow: 97.5%

Starling: 94.6%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers...

Our writing this half term is based on the stories 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram.

We will teach one grammar specific lesson a week and for the rest of the week we will focus on different plot points from the stories.

We will be learning to develop creative responses to the text through drama and storytelling. By the end of each unit, the children will produce an independent piece of writing inspired by characters from the book.

We will have daily phonics lessons to support children's reading. This half term we will be learning onto Phase 5 where the children will learn some alternative graphemes for the sounds that they know.

As mathematicians...

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Place value within 20

We will be learning more about place value and continuing to develop our understanding of counting forwards and backwards to 20. The children will explore different ways of representing and comparing numbers. We will also be exploring reasoning and problem solving.

Addition and Subtraction within 10

We will be developing our number and fluency skills in addition and subtraction of numbers within 10. The children will deepen their understanding through the use of part whole models, bar models and number lines.

Shapes

We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be understanding the differences between them and how to identify each shape.

As scientists...

We are learning about *Animals including humans* - specifically naming and classifying animals. The children will learn about vertebrates and the 5 groups that these animals are categorised into (mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians). We will learn about each group in more detail and name animals that belong to that group.

As theologians...

We will be learning about Christianity. We will be focusing on leaders and teachers within Christianity and why they are important.

As musicians...

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

As linguists...



We will be learning about Chinese culture and a typical day in the life of a child in China.

As budding techies...

We will be using code.org to create actions for events. We will look at core concepts such as motion, events and control.



As Historians..

We will explore important people of the past.

We will learn about Nelson Mandela's story and understand the passing of time through his story.

As athletes...

We will be building on our stability and learning how to control objects.

Citizenship and the World

As Geologists...

We will name and locate the countries and capital cities of the UK.

As good citizens...

We will be learning about the 5 British Values.
We will explore each one in more detail and think about how we represent these values.

As artists and designers...

We will explore painting - texture, colour & space
We will explore the artist George Seurat and create art in a Pointillist style.

We will name and locate the 7 continents of the world.
We will also learn interesting facts about them.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **MONDAY**(Starling), **TUESDAY** (Sparrow) and **THURSDAY** (both classes) every week. Thank you for making sure you send your child to school wearing their full PE kit on the correct day.
- The homework for this term will be in Homework books. This is to be completed weekly and where relevant recorded in books/Showbie.
- 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.
- Every time you read with your child, please write in their reading record

Year 1 Team

Sparrow

Class Teacher: Mrs Plews

Starling

Class Teacher: Mrs Kalaydzhieva

Year 1 Teaching Assistant: Mrs Turner
Year 1 Extra Support: Mrs Oram