



Happy New Year!

Year 1 Spring Term

Mrs. Hudson

KEY DATES

13th Jan - Individual Class Photos

W/C 26th Jan - Talent Show Auditions TBC

30th Jan – Year 1 Assembly

12th Feb – KS1 Talent Show TBC

10th Feb - Safer Internet Day as part of Mental Health Week

13th Feb - Inset Day

23rd Feb - Back to school!

5th March - World Book Day

12th March – Music evening TBC

17th March - Parent Consultations Evening

18th March - Parent Consultations Afternoon

27th March – last day of term.

Happy New Year and big welcome back to all the Year 1 children and parents. I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for our exciting and busy term ahead.

This term our topic is MOON ZOOM! Where we will be learning about all things flight related!

As ever RE is at the heart of our learning. This term our RE topics are the following:

- Galilee to Jerusalem

We will learn and be able to answer questions about the story of Zacchaeus. We will spend time learning the stories and accounts from the Gospel of Luke being able to retell the stories to our friends and families. We will be able to identify some of the people that encounter Jesus.

- Desert to Garden

We will encounter the story of the life of Jesus. We will recognise that angels bring God's messages and are a sign of his presence. We will encounter the symbols used in prayer and liturgies.



Alongside our RE topic, we will continue to focus on our wonderful whole school theme of "The Treasure within" "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be" Matthew 6.21. We will encourage the children to think about the treasure within and what that means to them.

Other faiths this term are: Hinduism and Sikhism.

Topics we will cover this year:

Maths: Our focus this term is place value within 20 and 50, addition within 20 and length and height.

English: This term we will be writing character description and narrative using our focus texts of 'Tadpoles Promise' and 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' as inspiration. As ever, we will be focusing on our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, as well as spelling using our phonics knowledge and use of our common exception words.

Science: We will be exploring Animals Including Humans, looking at what they need to survive, the different types of animals and the different diets they have.

Art: In Art we will be exploring all things colour. We will be mixing primary and secondary colours to create new colour and applying this to our paintings.

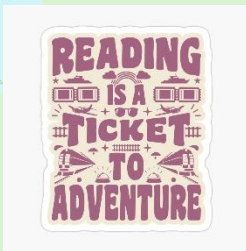
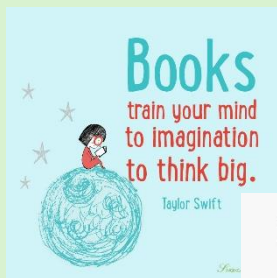
History: We will be finding out about all the different ways people have travelled throughout history. We will finish this topic by looking at the first man on the moon Neil Armstrong.

Geography: We will be able to locate the UK on the world map; we will be able to name the 7 continents and know the location of the 5 seas. We will learn about the different climates in the different continents.

PE: Children will learn balance and flexibility in Yoga and travelling actions in Gymnastics.

DT: Children will be learning how to make and prepare a healthy smoothie.





Reading Books

All children will be given a reading record, phonetically decodable book and library reading book. Please listen to your child read **every day** and write a comment in the reading record. The library book is one to share and enjoy together. Your child is not expected to read this independently.

Children must bring in their reading books every day. We have regular guided reading sessions and may record a comment in the reading record.

PE

Kit: Please make sure that all PE items are labelled clearly. PE kits need to be in school from Monday each week.

Indoor PE.

Children must wear plain white t-shirts and black shorts (no stripes or logos)

Outdoor PE.

During cold weather children should wear trainers or plimsoles, plain joggings bottoms or leggings and a plain sweatshirt or hoodie.

During the warmer months children must wear a white t-shirt and black shorts.

Earrings: Due to health and safety reasons, earrings **must** be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child cannot do this independently.

Homework

Homework tasks will be provided each **Wednesday**. Children will be given spellings to learn each week along with a Math's task or mini project.

Please support your child in these tasks as they will feed into our learning in the classroom.

Children will have a spelling test every Wednesday morning and result will be sent home at the end of the day Wednesday.

Notices:

Hair - It is school policy that all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up. Hair bobbles and headbands must be discreet and in school colours. No large bows or novelty hair bands please.

Uniform - Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name.

Phonics Screening Test: In May/June your child will be sitting their phonics screening test. This is designed to test your child's phonics awareness and ability to correctly orally blend and segment words. I will be sending out more details on this in the coming weeks - but any support you can offer at home will be greatly appreciated. Reading with your child is the best way and support your child with their phonics knowledge.

Each child has made such great progress so far this year and I look forward to seeing them blossom and grow more this term. THANK-YOU again for all your support.

Mrs. Hudson.