



Year 1 Spring 1 Newsletter

English

In English we will be writing a Fact File. We will be basing our writing on the story of Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov. We will learn to:

- Say out loud what we are going to write about
- Compose a sentence orally before writing it
- Sequence sentences to form short narratives
- Re-read what we have written to check that it makes sense
- Use exclamation marks
- Use the conjunctions 'and' and 'but'

We will continue with our daily phonics lessons learning new sounds, how to recognise them and apply them into reading and writing. Weekly spellings will be sent home that include the sounds we have been learning during that week.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be working with numbers up to 20. We will learn how to count forward and backwards, understand the place value of 'teens' numbers and how they are made up of a 'ten' and a number of 'ones'. We will be able to order the numbers to 20, compare them and estimate their position on a number line. We will progress onto to learning the number bonds to 20.

Physical Education

In PE we will be focussing on dance. We will learn to:

- explore different body shapes
- create and perform a simple dance
- convey a short narrative through a dance.

Important Dates

8th January – Return to school
27th January – National Storytelling week
6th February – Safer Internet Day

Wider Curriculum

Science: As scientists we will be learning about the seasons and weather. We will learn to recognise seasonal and daily changes in the weather and that our seasons are caused by the tilt of the Earth. We will learn that weather forecasts help people to prepare for different kinds of weather and we will study clouds and will find out about three different types of cloud and the weather they bring; cirrus, cumulus and stratus. We will look at weather forecasts and the symbols used to indicate different types of weather.

History: As Historians we will learn about Kings, Queens and Leaders. Our lessons will focus on:
-England has been ruled by Kings and Queens for a long time.
• King Charles III is our current king.
• King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta by the Barons.
• Parliament was set up to make decisions for the country.
• There was a time when there was no King of England.
• Oliver Cromwell was called upon to rule the country and become the 'Lord Protector'.

Art: As artists we will be learning about architecture. We will look at the famous London landmarks (St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and The Houses of Parliament) to explore definitions for architecture and architects. We will become visually familiar with these buildings by producing line drawings of them. We will progress on to designing our own 'Penguin House' for London Zoo!

Music: As musicians we will be exploring sounds. We will learn that music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. We will explore these sounds and create our own very simple melodies.

RE

This half term, we will be thinking about the question 'What does it feel like to belong to a faith community?'. We will talk about stories of people who belong to groups; groups to which we belong, including family and school and why this is important and how it makes us feel.. We will then link this to how people of different faiths have sense of belonging.