



Sycamore Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1



Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you have enjoyed a restful Christmas break.

Please find as follows a summary of what your child will be learning this half term.

Over the duration of the next 6 weeks, we will be taking a tour around the UK, looking at all four countries and then focusing on London.

English

This term our chosen book is 'Claude in the City', where the children will be following Claude and his friend Sir Bobblysocks on their adventures around the city. The children will have the opportunity to make connections with their own lives, exploring and developing their ideas through talking and listening to each other's responses. There will be lots of writing opportunities for the children to undertake, for example, poetry, newspaper reports, postcards and finally writing their own adventure for Claude to experience. We will be particularly focusing on presentation, punctuation and spelling within the children's work.

Phonics

Year 1 children will continue to work on Phase 5 sounds including adjacent consonants, irregular words and double vowel sounds, developing their writing and sentence structure. We will also continue looking at alternative spellings of long vowel sounds and some spelling patterns. They will also look at reading nonsense words in preparation for the Year 1 phonics screening test in the Summer Term.

Please ensure that your child continues to read widely at home and to record their progress in their Home Reading Journals. Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week at home.

Maths

Children will continue to look at shape and create repeating patterns. We will then be focusing on Place Value within 20. Children will be building on their existing knowledge of counting forwards and backwards. We will be exploring the meaning of the suffix 'teen' and what this tells us about a number. children will be looking at Tens and Ones within numbers 1-20, they will be learning one more/one less, comparing numbers as well as order them.



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Science

As part of this topic, the year 1 children will be learning about 'Everyday Materials' including wood, plastic, metal, water and rock. Children will learn to identify and name everyday materials and will have the opportunity to explore the properties of these materials. Children will also carry out simple investigations to help them decide which material would be most suitable for a particular purpose. At the end of the unit the children will apply their knowledge of everyday materials to sort objects by their properties. A range of learning activities are used in this unit including, discussions, labelling and matching activities, games, and an investigation to encourage where children have the opportunity to ask and find the answers to questions.

RE/PSHE

RE we will be looking at Judaism. Our PSHE theme is Going for Goals.

Geography

We will start by looking at the United Kingdom. Labelling the different parts and looking at landmarks and capital cities using world maps and globes. Children will be comparing Warton to London, looking at the similarities and differences. We will be looking at the weather patterns in the UK, and become weather reporters.

PE

On Mondays, we will be developing our dance skills in PE and the children will also be coached by Top Score on a Wednesday doing gymnastics.

ART

Children will be looking at a range of artist portraits and creating their own.

Notes and Reminders

P.E. kits need to be in school on a Monday to be left in school until Friday and can earrings be either taken out or **covered with plasters**.

This newsletter only gives a brief outline of our topics this half term – if you need any further information about any aspect of the curriculum or your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Mrs G. Rose & Mrs Clark