



Year 1 Newsletter - February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term. We have some great learning planned for the rest of the spring term.

Curriculum

This half-term, we will be starting a new **geography** unit on 'The Rainforest'. We will be looking at where there are rainforests in the world and what their features are. We will look at the different animals that live in rainforests - focusing on Borneo, the Amazon and the Congo. Finally, we will learn about deforestation.

Our **science** topic, 'Everyday Materials', continues for this term as well as looking at 'Seasonal Change'. This will link in with both our English and geography units.

In **English**, we will be focusing on the books 'The Umbrella' and '10 things that I can do to help my world' this term. We will also be focusing on Poetry. Please see the **Weekly Overviews** for more detail.

In **maths**, we will start the unit of work 'Numbers to 50'. We will be learning to count to and across 50, forwards and backwards, beginning on any number; to count, read and write numbers to 50 in numerals; to count in multiples of twos, fives and tens; and to identify one more and one less. We will also be focusing on 'Measures' where we will be learning about length, weight and capacity.

In **phonics**, we will continue learning the phase 5 sounds. Please see the weekly overview to see which sounds we are learning each week as well as tricky words. We will also continue to send home spellings every Friday and will have a spelling quiz every Friday. The spellings will be on the weekly overview.

In **music**, our unit of work is 'Our World'. We will be learning to play simple rhythms with a steady beat, to compose simple musical patterns and to use symbols to represent sounds.

We are continuing our **religion and worldviews** unit of work 'How do we celebrate our journey through life?' and continue to talk about how people celebrate important events in their lives.

Our next Personal Social Health Education (**PSHE**) unit of work will be 'Safety and the Changing Body' after we finish off our 'Health and Wellbeing' unit with learning about allergies, people who keep us healthy and sun safety.

In **PE** we will be focusing on gymnastics and games for this half-term. Please ensure that your child is coming to school dressed appropriately in their PE kits on their PE days. They can wear shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and will need to be wearing trainers. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied back.

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Trips and Events

This term, our London Aquarium visits will take place over the next two weeks to go alongside our next geography topic, 'Oceans and Seas' as well as linking with our current geography topic on Rainforests.

In the summer term, we will be visiting the Tower of London to link with our previous history topic on *Knights and Castles* as well as our next topic on *The Great Fire of London*.

We are booked for the following dates:

Monday 16th June- **Blue** and **Orange**

Thursday 19th June – **Red** and **Purple**

We will be attending a workshop called *Fire! Fire!* but will also have a chance to explore the White Tower which we learned about during our Knights and Castles unit.

Author Visit for World Book Day

For world book day, we are very excited to have author Katherine Webber Tsang join us for a writing workshop as well as Frances Tosdevin, the author of *DO NOT SAY THESE WORDS*, and Rhian Wright, the illustrator.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 14th March – INSET day (school closed for all children).

Wednesday 26th March – Year 1 Classroom Visit. We look forward to welcoming you into the classroom from 8.45am to 9.05am.

Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April – **Parent meetings** this term will be taking place between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow.

Open communication between staff and parents/carers is very important to us and we try to keep you as informed as possible of happenings during a busy school day. If you have any questions or queries then please do make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher either face to face or through our admin team.

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful half term.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 1 Team

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