



KS1 Newsletter - Spring 2024

Our values this year are : Gratitude, Respect, Empathy, Acceptance and Teamwork

We begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year, as we enter 2024.

The children made a fantastic start to the year during the autumn term, and we are looking forward to having lots more fun with this term's learning.

The Spring Term is one of the busiest (and most crucial) times of the school year and every moment at school is spent learning something new or consolidating skills and knowledge already acquired. Parents can help their children at home by keeping the routines as regular as possible and by making sure that the children get plenty of rest.

Finally, if any of our lovely parents are, or know someone who is, a firefighter, we would love to invite you in to talk about what this is like today, so that we can compare it to 1666! Please so let us know if you can help. Thank you all for your continued support.

Mathematics

In Spring 1, Year 1 will be moving on to Place Value using numbers to 20 followed by addition and subtraction within 20.

Year 2 will be moving on to learning about multiplication and division.

In Spring 2, the Year 1 children will complete their place value learning, before moving on to measuring height, length, mass and volume,

Year 2 will be learning about measurement of length, height, mass, capacity and temperature before also moving on to time.

English

We start the term with the delightful story book 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. We will also learn about polar bears in our non-fiction work.

Linking with our History topic, we will then look at the diary of Samuel Pepys and learn about his life. We will be writing our own diary entries.

In Spring 2, we will be reading a traditional tale by Aleksei Tolstoy—The Gigantic Turnip. We will think about what we have already learned about other traditional tales.

Finally, we will be exploring some humorous poetry and having a go at composing poems ourselves.

Topic and Science

In Spring 1 we begin our new History topic, The Great Fire of London. We will explore what London was like then and compare it to now. We will be trying to work out why the fire spread so widely.

In Spring 2, we will be looking at what it is like to live in hot places and cold places on the planet in our Geography work. We will be finding out where these places are and how humans need to adapt to survive.

In Science we will be looking at using Materials for particular purposes and then observing changes in different materials.

KS1 timetable

Seahorse Class PE: Tuesday and Wednesday
Penguin Class PE: Thursday and Forest School on Friday
Turtle Class PE: Forest School on Monday and PE Friday

Reminders.

- Spelling test day: Tuesdays
- Reading Books are changed on Fridays.
- Please ensure your child brings a coat to school on a daily basis. We do go out to play in light rain showers!