

Key Stage 1 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1 2023

Happy New Year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, The Key Stage One team

Venus Class - Lisa Burnett and Emma
Mercury Class - Olivia Abrahams and Kerry
Earth Class - Rosie Hall, Funke and Barbara

Topic

The children will be focusing on 'Polar Regions – Frozen World'. In KS1 the children will be developing their geographical knowledge using maps, atlases and globes to locate the Polar Regions. Children will look at seasonal changes and weather patterns focusing on hot and cold. We will look at communities and animals that live in polar regions and compare them to our local area.

English (reading and writing)

In English Year 1 will be focusing on 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and Year 2 will continue their work on 'Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams. The children be developing their vocabulary through describing different scenes in the text, asking key questions; drama and retelling the main events in a story. Year 1 will focus on skills such as using their phonics to write phonetically plausible sentences; orally rehearsing sentences; using full stops and capital letters correctly within simple sentences. Year 2 will build upon this and focus on using a wider variety of vocabulary; Year 1 will retell the story and Year 1 will create a fact file.

During reading sessions the children will either read with a teacher or TA 1:1 or take part in a guided reading group. Year 2 will develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions. We will be continuing our Reading for pleasure session with parents on Monday mornings between 9-9:30.

Maths

Year 1 will be revisiting place value this half term. The children will be focusing on counting and representing numbers to 20; ordering numbers; using the language of 'greater than,' 'less than' and 'equal to' to make comparisons and identifying more and less. In Year 2 the children will be learning about money, multiplication and division. Children will work on recognising various coins and notes as well as using different money to make the same amount. the multiplication and division we will look at creating arrays, making equal groups and learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Living Things and their Habitats. Children will be learning investigation if things are living, dead or have never been alive; where living things live; how to identify plants and animals and what animals eat. We will also complete one lesson on seasons with a focus on Winter.

Music

The children we been continuing their weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher, Mr Wells. KS1 will continue to identify high and low notes while creating their own rhythms and exploring different musical instruments. We will be learning a variety of songs and practice them during our a weekly singing assembly.

Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic and Science. Through our D.T. lessons children will be develop clear design to create a structure of a polar region home. As part of our Art sessions we will be evaluating a sharing our opinions on different artists work. We will create a landscape using different media.

P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. This half term we will focus on Dance. Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on **Monday** and they will be taken home on a **Friday**. Throughout the school year pupils will have opportunities to take part in other specialist sessions like dance and yoga which will be at different time to their PE day so please always have their Kits in school. P.E. will take place on the following days:

Mercury – Monday and Wednesday; Venus – Mondays and Wednesdays, Earth – Tuesday and Thursdays.

R.E.

We are continuing our theme of 'Creation stories' this year. The children will be answering the question 'What are the teachings of the special books?'. A special R.E. day will take place this term where children will participate in a range of activities related to this – drama, Art etc.

Spanish

The children will be learning simple greetings, numbers and colours through songs.

Key Dates

Year 1

9:00 - 9:30 - Reading Groups
9:30 - 10:20 - Phonics/Handwriting
10:20 - 10:40 - Break
10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English and Focus group.
12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH
13:00 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

Year 2

9:00 - 9:30 - Guided Reading
9:30 - 10:20 - English/Maths
10:20 - 10:40 - Break
10:40 - 12:00 - Maths/English
12:00 - 13:00 - LUNCH
13:00 - 13:30 - Phonics
13:30 - 15:00 - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
15:00 - 15:30: Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

Assembly takes place on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.

9th January - Parents Reading for Pleasure session 9 - 9:30 starts.

20th January - Chinese New Year

27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day

28th January - National Story Telling Week

30th January - phonics Screening Coffee afternoon 2.30pm

3rd February - Number Day

6th February - Mental Health Week

10th February - Tutorial Day