



Year One Spring Term



<p>We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> <p>We are looking forward to a fun filled term of learning ahead.</p>	<p><u>Paddington the Wanderer</u></p> <p>This term, for our thematic topic, Paddington will continue his adventures with Year One and begin by venturing out into Wolverhampton exploring the art behind the hidden wolf statues around the city. The children will then be meeting animals at Dudley Zoo, before demonstrating their musical skills as they travel with the circus around the UK.</p> <p>The children will use their geography skills to become familiarised with the four capital cities within the UK, look at maps of the UK and discuss features of each of the UK four countries.</p>
<p><u>English</u></p> <p>In English, we will start the term learning how to say and use the names of the alphabet in order. The children will continue writing sentences using capital letters and full stops, and then begin to use question marks and exclamation marks in their writing. Children will be encouraged to use the conjunction 'and', sentence openers and adjectives to improve their writing. We will also be looking at stories and encouraging the children to sequence sentences to form short narratives.</p> <p>Over the term children will learn to add the suffixes 'ing', 'er' and 'est' to words and practise using the prefix 'un' to change the meaning of words.</p> <p>We will continue to practise spelling common exception words and spelling the days of the week. The children will also have spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Thursday.</p>	<p><u>P.E</u></p> <p>This term the children will be taught PE on a Tuesday and Thursday by Soccer 2000. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school, and clearly labelled with their name.</p>
<p><u>Phonics</u></p> <p>The children will continue to have a daily phonic lesson exposing them to reading a variety of both real and nonsense words, in preparation for the upcoming phonic screening test, which will take place in June 2021.</p> <p>More information will be provided to parents regarding the screening later in the term.</p>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>As scientists, the children will be looking at two different aspects. Over the year, the children will be studying the weather - how it affects our environment and how the seasons change. This term we will start by exploring the winter. We will also be looking at animals, recognising and naming different animals and discovering and identifying their different diet, care and habitats.</p>
<p><u>Maths</u></p>	<p><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p>The children will be discussing believing in things we cannot see. We will be looking at Christianity, and discussing if we think that there is a God, and if so what he may look like. Later in the term, the children will also be looking at the Easter story.</p>
<p>As mathematicians in Year 1, the children will be counting forwards and backwards in ones, fives and tens up to 100. Children will continue recognising place value beyond 20. They will continue to practise adding and subtracting two numbers together including word problems and will continue to practise reciting number bonds. The children will learn doubles to 10 and then 20. They will continue to learn the features of 2D and 3D shapes. The children will continue to look at how to measure length, weight and capacity. We will also reinforce their knowledge of time, o'clock and half past, and understand time vocabulary. We will finally look at multiplication and division.</p>	<p><u>PSHEE</u></p> <p>In PSHEE, the children will be discussing caring for others and animals. They will also be looking at different jobs within the community and talking about online safety.</p> <p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>In year 1, reading is the most effective way to help support your child learning at home. Therefore, reading books will be sent home more frequently this term to ensure that your child has regular opportunities to read at home throughout the week. Please feel assured that health and safety measures are in place to ensure the safety of this to Maths and English homework will continue to be sent out each Friday, along with a creative project each half term.</p>