

Mathematics

In Maths this half term, we will continue to practice our knowledge of place value and work with numbers to 20. We will add and subtract these using a variety of methods to develop our fluency and confidence. Following this, we will extend our knowledge by beginning to work with numbers to 50. We will also cover money - looking at different coins, notes and what each one represents.

This term, Year 1 will begin weekly Frog Club tests to reinforce their knowledge of number bonds, addition and subtraction. These will need to be practised at home, then tested in school.

Physical Education

Our PE lessons will focus on 'games.' This involves practising skills in throwing, catching, finding space and moving safely. We will continue to focus on following rules, supporting our peers and showing kindness, respect and resilience in games.

RE & PSHE

In RE we will begin by exploring the question, 'Who is of Jewish faith and how do they live?' We will be learning about Jewish prayer, traditions and celebrations. In PSHE, our topic begins with the children exploring our 'Dreams and Goals.' We will share what our goals are and discuss how we could achieve them. We will talk about how to support our peers in achieving their goals too.

English

Our English lessons will link to our 'Intrepid Explorers' topic. Firstly, we will be looking at how to write a diary based on Roald Amundsen's trek to the South Pole. Following this, we will write a diary entry as if we were explorers on our way to the Antarctic! Next, we will learn the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will use actions and key phrases to help us to retell the story confidently. After this, we will be inventing our own story. In our phonics sessions, we will begin to learn the phase 5 alternative sounds, as well as revising our previously learnt sounds. In Talk 4 Reading, we will continue to share a range of books, discussing similarities in stories, make predictions and answer questions.

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Half Term Topic 1- Intrepid Explorers.

Design Technology

In DT we will be making an explorer's boat to travel to the Antarctic- this links to our Science topic. The children will be selecting appropriate materials for their model boats and will explore ways to make their model stronger and waterproof. Whose boat will float? Let's find out.

History & Geography

In Geography, we will be extending our geographical knowledge on the four countries in the UK and will learn how to locate the equator, north pole and south pole on a globe or atlas. In History, we will be studying different explorers such as Scott of the Antarctic, Roald Amundsen and David Attenborough.

Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Everyday Materials.' We will be looking at different materials and describing their properties. We will investigate the best material to keep polar explorer warm and dry. We will create our own boats and discover why a material might be useful for a specific job. Finally, we will learn how to sort objects by the materials they are made from.

Computing

In our Computing lessons we will begin by learning how to word process our ideas using a keyboard or iPad. We will learn how to type words and sentences, learn to use a backspace, spacebar and the enter key. We will continue to use the iPad to explore apps during our topic lessons too.

Music

We finish our half term with a music themed week. In our lesson we will enjoy selecting instruments and making different sounds to represent various types of weather. We will be exploring how music can make us feel and say what we like or dislike about a piece of music.

Art and Design

In Art, we will focus on 'printing.' We will be using shapes and paint to make repeating patterns, print using fruit and vegetables as well as using ink to print on different textiles. We will design and make explorer's flags.

How you can help

Please read with your child on a regular basis- this can be a schoolbook or one from home. Please practise the weekly spellings and 'Frog Club' activities that are set for your child along with the 'Common Exception Words' for Year 1. On Mondays, please send your child in a full PE kit suitable for indoor and outdoor sessions. Thank you for your support!