

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term 1



Our topic this half term is:

Bears, Bears Everywhere!

In this topic we will be learning about different types of bears all around the world. We will learn about the features of bears and how they are adapted to their environment. We will be thinking about their habitat and comparing their different lifestyles. We will learn about Paddington Bear and look out for bears around us.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informative texts about Polar Bears • Key Text - Paddington Bear by Michael Bond • Grammar - suffixes (review s, ing, ed and learn er, est) • Introduce the un prefix • Compound words and syllables • Punctuation - capital letters, full stops, questions marks, exclamation marks with conjunctions • Fact writing -around the world week 	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about multiplication - equal and unequal groups. adding equal groups as repeated addition $2+2+2+2=8$ $5+5+5+5=20$ • Making arrays with counters • Doubles • Intro to division by grouping - eg There are 10 gloves. How many equal groups of 2 can you make? (answer 5 groups of 2) • Intro to division by sharing objects equally. • Fractions - halves and quarters 	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>Identify, name and compare animals. Discuss features, similarities and differences between bears:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polar bear • Spectacled bear • Panda • Black bear • Sloth bear <p>• Diet - herbivore, carnivore and omnivore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate changes to food over time.
<p><u>Art</u></p> <p>Artist Inspiration: <i>Heather Hansen</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring drawing as a physical activity that involves our whole body. • Understand that we can control the lines we make. • Understand that drawings can be made from observation or imagination. 	<p><u>Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The world map and the equator • Use of atlases, globes and maps • Clothing and weather around the world • To learn about a place in the world linked to Around the World Week. <p><u>History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King's Coronation 	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click, double-click and drag objects • Save and open files • Make shapes [in Paint software] the size they desire • Position shapes correctly • Select and compare different brush types.
<p><u>PHSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the qualities of a good friend • Understand there are many different types of families • Think about people who are special to us 	<p><u>RE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify some of the key Muslim beliefs • Understand the importance of prayer 	<p><u>PE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball skills • Striking and fielding

How you can help:

- Read stories about bears.
- Have a look at a globe or atlases. Where have you travelled in the world?
- Read Paddington stories, watch the film or other films with bears.
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Can you work out the 2x 5x 10x table?
- Play maths games to practice mental addition and subtraction.

Other news:

- We will select another fruit group to fill and share a culture bag. The children really enjoy listening to their friends.
- 21st April Parent maths workshop (multiplication and division focus)
- 21st April is our annual Maths Day
- 28th April 8:55 - 9:45 Mango Morning (mothers, aunts, nans, grandmothers and other female relatives) are invited into class to participate in a variety of activities.
- We are closed for Bank Holidays on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May.
- 5th May King's Coronation picnic
- 9th May Sponsored Spell Week
- 17th May 2:15pm Burlington's got Talent performance
- 18th May - Class Photographs
- 22nd May - Around the World Week
- 26th May - PTA Mufti Day (more details to follow)

Thank you

Year 1 team