

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026



Our topic this half term is:

Space!

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed their holiday. In this topic we will be learning all about space and weather. The children will explore how their environment has changed now that it is winter and observe how the weather changes over a number of days. We will be learning about space travel and some of the key figures in the history of air and space travel. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key text - Beegu • Visual Literacy - writing stories using visual clips • Punctuation - capital letters for names, places, days, months • Capital letters at start of sentences • Full stops at the end of sentences • Conjunction - and • To use simple suffixes and prefixes 	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partition 2-digit numbers in a variety of ways. • To identify the number 1 more and 1 less. • To learn addition and subtraction facts and different mental methods to help develop fluency. • To double numbers and halve numbers. 	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in weather and seasons, focussing on Winter • Becoming weather reporters - presenting our weather reports • Weather data collection • Temperature • Weather experiment - water
<u>Art and DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing ocean linked paintings by various artists - eg. Turner and Hokusai • Recreating and evaluating art • Designing and making a snack that develops cutting, chopping and grating skills 	<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline of space events • Famous people from the past- Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison, the Wright brothers • First aeroplane flights and the history of flight/space. 	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting data • Group and store data • Retrieve data
<u>PHSE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • setting goals • overcoming barriers to achieve goals • working with a partner or in a small team • celebrate successes and set new goals 	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring travelling movements • Performing balances • Developing technique in barrel, straight and forward roll • Linking gymnastics actions to create a sequence. • To develop throwing or hitting a target. • To play simple target games 	<u>RE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the Christian story of Creation • Learn about the Christian festival Easter and the importance of this festival to Christians.

Dates

- **Science Day is on Friday 9th January.** Parents/family members are invited into class from 8:50 to 9:40am. If your job/hobby is science related, please let your class teacher know if you would like to talk about it with your child's class. Children are welcome to wear a science themed top/t-shirt with their uniform. If your child does anything science-related at home, please send in a picture. **Please also complete the science family quiz with your child and return to school before Friday 16th January.**

- **Monday 26th January** Rubies and Emeralds London Science Museum Trip

Monday 27th January Sapphires and Diamonds London Science Museum Trip

We will be travelling via public transport. If you are able to be a parent helper could you please speak to your child's class teacher?

- **Friday 6th February** Lunar Chinese New Year celebration. 8:50 - 9:45. More details to follow.
- Parents Consultations are on **Wednesday 11th February** 2:00 pm onwards and **Thursday 12th February** 4:00 onwards. **School closes at 1.45pm on Wednesday 11th February.**

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team