

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 also learn about London and learn what geographical features are found in our capital city.

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 • Various texts that feature bears, including Paddington. • 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 • Double numbers • 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 • Diet - herbivore, carnivore and omnivore • 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 • Learn the geographical features that are found in London • To learn about a place in the world linked to Around the World Week. 	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To use a word processor • To learn to use a keyboard and various functions • To change a text e.g. by size and colour • To make simple edits.
<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"> • Striking and fielding • Target Games

How you can help:

- Read stories about bears. Start to talk more about word choices and the impact these have on the reader.
- Have a look at a globe or atlases. Where have you travelled in the world? Where would you like to go? How countries have different climates. Where the equator is.
- 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:

- Friday 17th April: Maths Day. Parents welcome to join us in class 8.50-9.40am
- Tuesday 28th April: Class Photographs
- Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday - School Closed
- W.beg 11th May Sponsored Spell Week
- Tuesday 12th May - Y1 Trip to Kingston Mosque (Classes TBC)
- Tuesday 13th May - Y1 Trip to Kingston Mosque (Classes TBC)
- W.beg 18th May - Around the World Week, more details to follow
- Friday 22nd May - Multicultural Picnic 2pm, more details to follow
- Friday 22nd May - Last day before half term break. School opens again on Tuesday 2nd June

Thank you

Year 1 team