



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 text about Polar Bears • Key Text - Paddington Bear by Michael Bond • Grammar - suffixes (review s, ing, ed and learn er, est) • Introduce the un refix • 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"> • Maths day (Fri 26th April)- • Intro to multiplication - equal and unequal groups • Counting in groups of 10 to find the total • Intro to multiplication - 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. 	<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> <p>• Investigate changes to food over time.</p>
<p><u>Art and DT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Famous artist - Andy Goldsworthy • Research life and facts about Andy Goldsworthy • Outdoor art • Sculpture • Weaving 	<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>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"> • think about changes in our life. • how our bodies have changed from when we are babies • to use the correct language for body parts 	<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"> • Dance

How you can help:

- Can you find out about different types of bears? Make a fact file to share with the class.
- Look around for stories with bears and bears all around. You will be surprised how easy it is to find bears wherever you go.
- 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
- Keep practising golden word spellings from the sponsored spell list
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Can you work out the 2x 5x 10x table?
- Play maths games to practice mental addition and subtraction
- Keep reading and writing in your reading record

Other news:

- Friday 24th April - Maths day
- Friday 30th April Sponsored Spell Day!
- Around the World Week will be during w/beg 24th May.
- Outdoor classroom day will be on 27th May. On this day we try to do as much outdoor learning as possible.

Thank you Year 1 Team