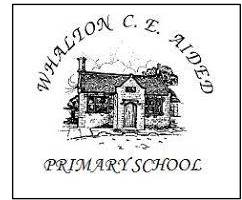




Spring Term 2020

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



A Happy New Year to you all.

Our learning this term builds on from the autumn as we further explore our amazing world. We will travel back into the past comparing old with new, while also looking at the world directly around us as well as further afield.

PE:

This term we welcome the return of our amazing gymnastics coach, Sam. He will be helping us to expand on our learning from last year; challenging us in our precision of movement.

Gymnastics will take place on Tuesday afternoons.

We also spend time this term honing our ball-skills with Miss Alderslade on a Thursday morning. It will be fun to further develop our precision and care as we control balls in a variety of ways. Swimming on Wednesday afternoon; concentrating on our own individual challenges.

Art and Design:

As winter moves to spring, we will be learning through a variety of mediums to record what we see and feel. With our role play Post Office we will be exploring stamps and looking at an artist linked with this. We will create models linked with the story of the Jolly Postman.

Science:

As Spring brings forth new growth this will allow us to look at and name some of plants we find. We will further think about the parts of plants and how they help them grow. We are always eager to ask scientific questions and consider ways to find out the answers. There will be opportunities to talk about being humans with a focus on our senses. Using the book Alan Ahlberg book of 'Funnybones' we will further explore what makes up our body.

We are always challenged to learn about the variety of animals we find in our country. Our new calendar will help us with this!

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: As you will have realised over the past term we now have our Spelling test on Mondays. The new list covering the term was sent out prior to the holidays within your child's bag of many things. If you have mislaid it don't hesitate to ask for another one.

Homework: Firstly, thank you for all the support you give to your child's learning through the weekly homework activities and reading. Homework will continue to be sent out on a Tuesday and taken in on Mondays.

French: still to be enjoyed on Wednesdays with Madame Magee.

Commando Jo: This continues on Fridays, challenging our team work and communication skills, while having lots of fun too!

Geography:

In Geography, we will be considering our locality, and thinking about the parts of a village and town. This links well, as we use 'The Jolly Postman' book across our learning. We will need to learn about addresses and make sure we know our own.

As we receive postcards from around the world we will consider our globe with a particular focus on where the north and south poles can be located, along with the equator.

Computing:

We continue to learn to keep ourselves safe while using the computers to enhance our learning across the curriculum.

RE:

We follow on from Christmas into the New Year. This allows us to talk about how different people celebrate the arrival of New Year; revisiting the Chinese New Year.

We continue learning about the Christian faith, considering why Christians think that Jesus is special; hearing some of the stories He told. We will think about why He shared them. . The term ends with our Easter celebrations, allowing us to revisit the Easter story and consider why Easter matters to Christians.

History:

We will be looking at and comparing objects which are used today to those used in the past, with a particular emphasis on how we get our post. We will be learning about people who have changed our world, with a focus on the historical event – The Great Fire of London.

PSHE: Through the themes of 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Being Healthy', we will begin to learn about how we are successful and how we learn and approach challenges. We will consider how we are special and what we need to keep ourselves safe and healthy.