



Year 1 Spring 1



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a happy holiday!

We are really excited to start our new topic 'Splendid Skies.'

Reminders

- Listen to your child read daily and sign their diary.
- Bring signed reading books into school daily.
- Label all your children's belongings - children to bring a drink of water - no fizzy pop, prime or milkshakes please.
- Please stand back from the gate when collecting and be patient. We want to see each person collecting clearly to ensure we dismiss safely.



We encourage children can bring a healthy snack into school for breaktime. Fresh fruit is not provided in KS2.

Key Dates

PE - 10P: Monday

1R: Tuesday

Please arrive in PE kit; earrings removed for safety.

Websites

Please ensure you have access to the below websites - personal login details have been shared.

Seesaw

English

Our writing will focus on story writing and writing an information text linked to our topic - Splendid Skies.

Work on sentences will continue, especially the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be learning the Year 1 common exception words. We will also continue with our daily phonics lessons.

History & Geography

Our Humanities this half term will mostly be Geography based. We will learn about maps and how to use a key to help us see what a map is showing us. We will also look at the different climates around the world - particularly in Africa and the Antarctic - and how the weather is different as you move closer to the equator.

PSHE & RE

The theme for this half term RE is 'Jesus as a friend' and the key question we will be looking at is "Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?" This unit of work is based around the religion of Christianity.

In PSHE, we will be learning about our dreams and goals to create 'Our Garden of Dreams and Goals'.

Science

Our Science for this half term is 'Everyday Materials'. This unit will teach us about everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, water and rock.

Maths

This half term will focus on:

- Place value to 20 - specifically the numbers 11 to 20.
- Addition and subtraction within 20.

Key maths vocabulary

Add, addition, plus, take away, subtract, minus, subtraction, is equal to, equals, is the same as.

Physical Education - Dance

The children will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing. They will understand why it is important to count to music and use this in their dances.

Music

'Exploring Sounds'

Music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. Explore these sounds and create your own very simple melodies.

Computing

'Algorithms unplugged'.

The children will learn about algorithms, decomposition and debugging in familiar contexts, such as making a sandwich.

Art

In Art, we will be looking at the topic of 'Birds'. We will draw from pictures, video, and real-life observations. After looking at feathers, the children will use their drawing skills to bring a paper bird to life.