

Year 1 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 1 over this half term.



TOPIC - TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Knowledge and understanding of the World

- As part of our topic, we are learning about ourselves, our family and our local area. All our topic work will be linked to this theme.
 - In RE we will be learning about belonging, we will discuss the different groups the children belong to e.g. the school, Mars/Venus class, their family and any clubs they attend.
 - In Geography we will be talking about our local area and where we live.
 - In History we will focus on school, now and in the past. We will have a WOW day and go back in time to experience a Victorian school. We will ask the children to come to school dressed as a child from that era. The date will follow shortly.
 - In Art we will be painting self portraits.
 - In Science we will be learning about our senses and labelling parts of the body.
- We will use computing across all areas of the curriculum, we will also look at the uses of technology in our everyday lives.

Physical Development

Monday afternoons we will be working with the children in dance, and a Wednesday afternoon learning how to play team games. The daily mile will continue.

Personal, Social and emotional Development

PSHE will be focusing on a topic looking at 'New Beginnings'.

Numeracy

In numeracy the children will work in ability groups. We will focus on number. Recognising and writing correctly the numbers to 20. We will discuss the days of the week and months of the year. We will also look at problem solving including counting, adding and subtraction. We will continue with our Big Maths Quiz on a Friday. Please practice number bonds to ten, eg. 6+4, 3+7 and number doubles eg. 7+7, 8+8.



Literacy

This half term we will be making lists, labels and captions. We will look at a variety of stories with predictable endings and choose books that the children are familiar with. We will promote the correct use of capital letters and full stops.

We will change reading books on a daily basis. The children will be reminded until they become independent in this area.

Creative Development

We have a role play area in the corridor, outside Mars Class for both classes to use during guided reading to develop their speaking and listening skills, as well as their imagination. This half term it is a Space Station. Also during this half term the children will be using a variety of musical instruments to explore pitch and rhythm. We will be designing and making photo frames in DT. Both classes will experiment with mixing colours in-order to use the appropriate colours for their designs.