



Year 1 Learning Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term holiday.

The children really enjoyed the first half of the topic 'Can one person change the world?' especially completing our focus on significant astronauts, with 'Space Day' where the children took part in a variety of creative activities dressed in their amazing Space costumes!

This half term, we will continue to consider the question 'Can one person change the world? We will be learning in particular about Mary Anning and thinking about why her life was so significant. As part of learning about Mary Anning's fossil discoveries, we will be learning about dinosaurs and their history.



We will be having a Dino Day to mark the end of this topic.
More details to follow.

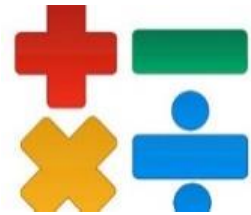


English Learning



This half term we will be:-

- Writing sentences based on historical facts
- Reading stories linked to the lives of the significant people we will be learning about in our Discover lessons
- Sequencing sentences to form short narratives based on these familiar stories
- Learning to use full stops correctly
- Writing our own dinosaur adventures



Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at additive structures (an introduction to aggregation and partitioning) and introducing augmentation and reduction. We will be learning:

- The addition symbol (+) can be used to show combining two or more parts
- The equals symbol (=) can be used to show the sum of two parts
- That each part is called an addend and they are combined to form the whole/sum
- To present problems with a missing part (addend) in an addition equation
- That the subtraction symbol (-) can be used to show partitioning
- That **first, then, now** stories are examples of augmentation
- That **first, then, now** stories can be examples of reduction
- If we know two parts of an equation, we can always work out the third part
- That addition and subtraction are inverse operations



PSHE Learning

This half term we are learning about Citizenship: the importance of rules and consequences of not following them; caring for the needs of babies, young children and animals; exploring our similarities and differences and an introduction to democracy.

Scientific Learning



Our topic this term is plants. We will learn about:

- The life cycle of plants
- What seeds are made of and what conditions they need to grow into plants
- The parts of a plant, including those that we eat

Music Learning



This half term's musical spotlight is all about 'Learning to Listen'. Listening is very important. We will explore how you can listen with your eyes and ears and how you can also feel sound in your body. We will try to answer the question: How Does Music Help Us to Understand Our Neighbours?



PE Learning

This half term we will be focusing on 'Bat and Ball learning basic batting skills. They will be taught to use the correct grip for a racket, balance a beanbag on a racket, hit a beanbag towards a target, show some control when hitting a ball, cooperate with a partner to play a bat and ball game.

Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at the topic of Salvation and thinking about the question, 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' We will be thinking about the happy and sad parts of the Easter story and what these events mean to Christians.



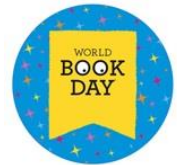


How can you help?

- Listen to your child read their reading book from school at least 5 times a week. Please make sure you write a short comment in their reading diary and check off on their homework sheet so that we can see this is happening at home. Your child can change their own book once they have read at home.
- Complete the homework tasks that are provided each week.
- Keep reading stories to your child to enrich their vocabulary and enjoyment of stories.
- Keep visiting Numbots and work through the levels.

Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- **3rd-10th March** – Sponsored Read Week (see separate letter)



- **Thursday 6th March** – World Book Day
Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas, ready to snuggle with their favourite stories. Don't forget the wooden spoon competition!
- **Tuesday 11th March at 2:30pm** – Phonics Check Parents Meeting
- **Friday 14th March at 6pm** – St Margaret's Got Talent
- **Dino Day** – Date TBC
- **4th April** – Mr Jee's last day



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our focuses, please let us know.

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