

Spring Term in Year 1

Welcome back to another busy half term in Year 1!

This half term we will be exploring the themes of 'Passions and Dreams' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision.

Dreams

Children will learn that dreams are hopes for the future that are often linked to our passions. Following your dreams means exploring what excites you and working to make your dreams come true. Children will learn about the great contributions made by people following their dreams in areas such as science, sport, literature and humanitarian causes.

Passions

Children will discover that our passions are the things that excite us. People who have found their passion, get great joy from spending their time on it. Even though following a passion can involve lots of hard work and sacrifice, having a passion is great for our wellbeing as it can bring us happiness and motivate us to keep learning and improving. Children will learn that different people have different passions and this makes the world a better place. Most importantly, children will be encouraged to be reflective, self-aware and open to new experiences so that they might discover their own passions.

English

This half term we will look at simple narratives and instructional pieces of writing. We will use traditional fairy tales as our starting point, focussing on the language used, characters and settings of each; building up to writing an extended piece and even changing something along the way!

Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences with full stops and will develop their use of adjectives to extend their sentences.

In phonics we will continue to "Grow the Code" with Little Wandle and consolidate our learning by applying them to our reading and writing.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on ensuring the children are secure in their knowledge of teen numbers, through Place Value to 20 and then, as the half term progresses, we will start to focus on Addition and Subtraction to 20.

PSHE

Through our concepts of "Dreams and Passions" we will begin to focus on our mental health and well being, growing and change. Children will be encouraged to be reflective, self-aware and open to new experiences so that they might discover their own passions. Children will learn about the great contributions made by people following their dreams in areas such as science, sport, literature and humanitarian causes in our assemblies and in books available to read in the classrooms.

Computing

Children will be given the opportunity to think about everyday uses of instructions (or algorithms), for example the steps needed to brush their teeth or make a sandwich. This will then be introduced as "coding" for Beebots and floor turtles, and activities on Purple Mash.

Geography

Our focus will be on map making and fieldwork. We will look closely at our school and the local environment, draw maps and "suggest" ways to make our school a better place! We will also start to create our own maps and devise our own keys.

RE

'Special Symbols and Objects' is our RE topic this term. We'll consider symbols and objects that are special to us before thinking about special symbols and objects to Jewish and Buddhist families.

PE

This half term we will focus on "Dance" and "Gymnastics": PE days are Monday and Friday (Elephants), Tuesdays and Thursdays (Frogs) and Monday and Thursday (Bees). Please remove earrings on these days and ensure PE kits are in school.