

Summer Term in Year 1

Welcome back to Year 1, we hope you have all had a restful and happy Easter holiday! This half term we will be exploring the themes of 'Community and Belonging' through our curriculum, assemblies and continuous provision.

Community

Being involved in a local community helps children to grow in lots of ways, it sends the message that children are important, they are loved and that they belong. We will spend time thinking about the different groups in our community and some of the ways that our community supports its members. We will think about the location, roles, history and diversity of our local community. We will consider our rights and responsibilities within a community and think about the rights and responsibilities of others. We hope that through this topic we can help children to understand that they are an important part of their community and make children aware of different ways that they can connect with their local community.

Belonging

Children will learn that 'belonging' is a feeling of safety and happiness in a group. In order to 'belong' we have to be welcomed by other members of the group and show the same welcome in return. We can belong to lots of different groups; family groups, sports teams, schools, clubs and wider communities. The groups we belong to can be big or small. Children will be encouraged to think about their own sense of belonging and the groups that are important to them. We will consider behaviours that will help to build a strong sense of belonging in a group and those that damage it. We will ask if we need to be the same as every other member of a group in order to belong.

English

This half term we will begin to look at simple contemporary fiction. We will focus on "The Queen's Hat" by Steve Antony, a story that is written in consistent tenses and "could possibly happen"!

Children will continue to work on punctuating sentences with full stops and exclamation marks and will develop their writing further by using suffixes and different adjectives.

In phonics we will continue to re-visit the sounds taught and consolidate learning by applying them to our reading and writing. We will be reading real and pseudo words with the taught graphemes, in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check next half term – more information about this will be sent out later this term.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on "Multiplication and Division" and "Fractions". We will continue to practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and start to use these in our multiplication and division unit.

PSHE

Through our concepts of "Community and Belonging" we will begin to focus on what it means to be part of a community and how we can make our communities better places for everyone.

Geography

Children will be finding out about the UK, naming its capital cities and specifically focussing on London landmarks in the run up to the King's Coronation.

History

Our focus in History will be the Queen and the Royal Family, taking the time to examine a variety of sources to compare what life was like at the beginning of the late Queen's reign to the King's coronation!

If you have any old newspaper clippings linked to the Royal Family please could we borrow them to show the children?

RE

'Special Things in Nature' is our RE topic this term. We'll consider how nature is important in Muslim and Hindu faiths, and listen to different "Creation" stories from these religions.

PE

This half term we will focus on "Gymnastics" and "circuit skills": PE days are Monday and Friday (Elephant), Tuesday and Thursday (Frog) and Mondays and Thursdays (Bee). Please remove earrings on these days and ensure PE kits are in school.