

Y1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1!

Happy New Year! Thank you very much for my lovely gifts. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. The children have returned to school with a positive attitude and are challenging themselves to work hard.



Our topic this term is...

'Intrepid Explorers!'

We will be starting our topic by thinking about what clothes are needed for hot and cold holidays and discussing where we have been on holiday before. We will then look at Robert Falcon Scott who travelled to the Antarctic and local explorer, Frank Wild from Skelton. We will work on identifying the countries and capitals in the UK and also the Continents and oceans of the world.

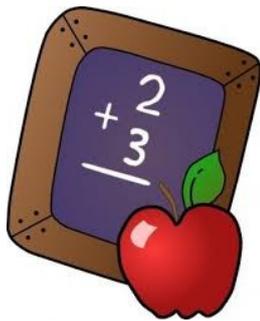
After half term we will study Captain James Cook and visit the Captain Cook Museum at Stewart's Park. At the end of the topic we will host an afternoon for yourselves so the children can showcase their work and you can sample their culinary delights!

Maths

We have started the term by counting in 10s and looking at a 100 square and how it works and writing additions as subtractions. We have also consolidated our knowledge of numbers number bonds to 5 and 10.

We will also be working on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, estimating, odds and even numbers, number bonds to 20, days of the week and time.

A busy term!



English

This term, we will continue on the Read Write Inc scheme. Children will continue with the orange and yellow books and learning the final set of vowel sounds. They will then need to consolidate these in their reading.

We will continue focusing on writing sentences and our pre-cursive writing. Children will be working on the heights of their letters in preparation for cursive writing towards the end of the year.

Children will be issued with a copy of their group's RWI book. This book will go home on a Monday and be collected in on a Friday. It **MUST** be brought to school everyday too, along with their reading record showing if they have read at home.

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Special People—We have started this term by talking about the special people in our lives and those in church. We will move on to learning about Jesus's visit to the Temple.

Meals—We will learn about Mass as being Jesus's special meal time.

Change—We will learn how Lent is a time to change in preparation for Easter.

We will also learn about Islam this term too.

Other areas of the curriculum...

Science— We will be focusing on our senses this half term and carrying out lots of experiments and tests.

DT— The children will be working with Chef Wilson on Thursday 28th March to make some healthy nutritious food.

Music— We will continue finding the rhythm and pulse in different styles of music and learning new songs. We will also look at music from other countries.

Art— This term we will be learning about painting. We will look at famous artists, learn about primary and secondary colours and practise our painting skills.

Computing— This term we will be continuing to use technology in a range of ways including gathering data and adding images, sound and text to our work. We will do some research on explorers within our topic too.

Dates

Hot Chocolate Fridays will run until half term. For 50p children can enjoy a Fairtrade Hot Chocolate at break times.

Friday 1st February—Destination Judo for Y1/2

Friday 8th March—Y1/2 trip to Captain Cook's Museum at Stewart's Park.

Thursday 28th March—Y1/2 Parent afternoon showcasing their DT food and topic work.

Monday 1st April 2.45pm—Y1/2 Lenten Liturgy.

Uniform

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled and that your child is following the school uniform policy.

Coats

Please ensure that your child can independently fasten their own coat as the weather cools down and all hats, scarves and gloves are named too.

PE

This term our PE sessions are on a Monday and a Friday.

This half term children are working on their gymnastics skills. Please ensure that PE kits are in school on a Monday morning and are taken home on a Friday to wash. Children need to wear school PE kits. Once again please ensure all items of your child's PE kit are named.



Ways to support your child with their learning.

Reading— Children will continue to bring home a RWI book on a Monday (and returned daily) and these will be collected in on a Friday. On a Friday children will bring home a scribed reading book, to practise their reading and fluency further.

It is very important that children are practising their reading at home and that their reading records are signed to reflect this. They will then be able to move their racing car around the reading track and upon completion of a lap will take home the reading trophy for a night. They can read any book.

Homework— The children will continue to be set Maths homework online on Abacus and have weekly spellings. Please can you ensure that homework is completed to aid your child's development every Friday.

If you have questions/queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Ayton.