



Welcome to Spring Term 2024

It is so lovely to see the children back after the Christmas break. It sounds like you have all had a super Christmas. The spring term has got off to a busy start and the children all enjoyed their first Enrichment sessions last week. The information below gives an overview of the Spring Term in Year 1 to help you and your child get the most out of this time.

This term's learning

English:

We will be focusing on using adjectives, identifying similes, and writing postcards, diary entries and newspaper articles. We are starting the term by reading Julia Donaldson's The Snail and the Whale.

Maths:

We will be developing our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Alongside this, we will continue working on our addition and subtraction skills. We will also be working on time and money later on in the term.

Geography:

Year 1 will be learning to identify European flags. We will also choose a country to explore and find out interesting facts about.

Science:

This term, we are learning about Everyday Materials. We will be looking at how we use materials, which are waterproof and how we can sort these into categories. We will also be looking at the transition from winter to spring.

PE:

We will be exploring movement in dance and creating pieces for our school's dance assembly. We will also be doing some gymnastics and games.

History:

We will begin learning about Explorers, kicking things off with Christopher Columbus and then moving onto Neil Armstrong.

French:

The children will be learning basic French greetings. We will be using songs to help build the children's confidence in using these.

DT/Art:

This term, we will be looking at designing and making our own toys. We will also be learning about Kandinsky, Miro and Terry Frost.

RE:

This term we will be enquiring: 'What do Christians believe God is like?' and 'What does it mean to be part of a religious family?'

The above gives you an outline of what we will be learning across this term. This list is not exhaustive, and learning is adapted to all our children's abilities and interests.

Things to remember ...

Homework

- PE Kit – please come into school in PE kit on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Book bags – the children will need to have their bag in school each day. Please ensure you check this daily for any 'Just to let you know' notes.
- Water bottles – please ensure your child has a named water bottle at school each day.
- With the cold weather set to continue, please can you ensure that your child always comes to school with their jumper/cardigan and coat, along with hats and gloves / scarves on chilly days. Please ensure all items are labelled clearly.
- Please send any reading books and reading records in school bags with your child each day. Books can be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please sign reading records confirming when you have read with your child. The more reading, the better!

In Year 1, the children will be set homework on a Friday. This is due in the following Wednesday.

Each week, the children will have spellings to practice at home. We will have a small test on these every following Friday.

The Leopard Team

Class Teacher: Mrs Mardle

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Harrison and Mrs Stannett

Should you wish to speak with me or to pass on a message, I will be available at most pick ups in the afternoon. If you'd like a more in-depth conversation, please get in contact with the office and I will make arrangements to meet with you. Thank you.