

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



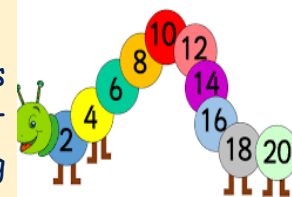
## Year 1 Spring 2022 Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to getting back together again!

Outlined below are the topics that will be covered in the Spring term of Year 1.

### Maths

We are continuing to work on a range of strategies to support learning numbers to 20, such as using 'Think 10', and equality and balance. We will also look at different measures, such as length, height, mass and speed, as well as ordering and comparing coins. In the second half of term we will begin counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.



### English

Our topic is to look at stories that reflect children's own experiences. Our first book will be 'Dogger' and our second is 'Billy's Bucket'. During this we will explore how to ask and write questions. For our non-fiction writing, we will write a report in Spring 1 and instructions in Spring 2. In both poetry topics, we will look at building our vocabulary.

### Science

We are starting our Spring term looking at 'Animals Including Humans'. We will observe, classify and organise animals by their characteristics and features. We will also classify animals by their diets using terms like carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will learn about human's 5 senses. In Spring 2, we will extend our learning by finding out about living things and their habitats.



### History/Geography

In Spring 1, our History topic will be learning about the first aeroplane flight by the Wright Brothers. The children will learn about the historic brothers, their amazing achievements and get insight into the workings of a plane. In Spring 2 our Geography topic will help us to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK by looking at the 4 seasons and weather patterns.



### Relationships and Health Education (Jigsaw)

In Year 1, we will be using our excellent Jigsaw scheme of work and begin with 'Dreams and Goals' where children will learn to set and reach goals, and overcome obstacles. In the second half of term, we will explore the topic 'Healthy Me' and learn about our bodies.

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## R.E.

In R.E. we will be exploring Christ Stories by answering 'What did Jesus teach about God?'. We will look at what a parable is and their purpose for both Jesus and for Christians today. Our second term's question is 'Why do Christians Pray to God?' where we will think of different ways of praying and what people might pray for.



## Art and D.T.

Year 1 alternate Art and D.T. each term. We are investigating colour, investigating primary and secondary colours and using this knowledge to create work based on artists Piet Mondrian and Mark Rothko. In D.T. we will explore levers. We will make fairytale sliders, levers and wheels.



## PE

The children will have PE on **Monday** and **Thursday** every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. We will explore topics called 'Growing' (Dance) and 'Feet 1' (Ball Skills). Please ensure your child has a named jumper and either leggings or jogging bottoms as we may be outside for our lessons. You may also wish to provide your child with extra socks.



## Computing

Children will continue to explore how to use a keyboard and the Purple Mash login system. Children will be able to create and debug their own algorithms. They will finish the term having created their own animated story book.



## Music

Using our music scheme, Charanga, our module is 'In the Groove' followed by 'Round and Round' in the second half of term.



## Further information:

**Reading:** We wish to encourage the children to do as much reading as possible and appreciate your support in this by listening to them on a daily basis. Your child will be able to independently change their book once they have finished it. Reading a book more than once has many benefits and actually aids fluency so please do not be afraid to do this. **Please record what they have read in their reading records, detailing page numbers where appropriate.**

Homework tasks will be set via **Evidence Me** on a weekly basis. The maths task will help to consolidate their learning from that week. This may be a formal or practical task. Phonic flashcards will also be sent home. In line with our homework policy, the expectation is that Key stage 1 children spend 10-20 minutes each day on home learning (to include reading).

**Healthy snacks** will be provided for the children daily so bringing in ones from home is not necessary. Please remember a named water bottle.

We are really looking forward to another fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

Miss Sharp, Mrs Miller, Ms Stayt, Mrs Porter and Mrs Clarke

