

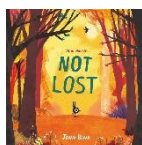
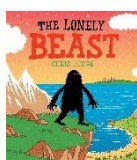
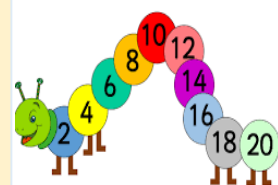
Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Welcome back to the Spring Term. The year 1 team hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and would like to wish you all a very happy new year. I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children during the rest of their time in Year 1. 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

Using our brilliant new English scheme, CPLE, we will be focusing on two main texts over the term. In spring 1 we will be basing our learning on 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge and throughout spring 2 we will be looking at 'Mini Rabbit: Not Lost' by John Bond. Both of these texts will giving the children many positive learning opportunities. Daily phonics and weekly handwriting lessons will continue to take place in addition to the above.

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 is Medicine and Health. We will focus on significant individuals, such as Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. In addition we will look into their amazing contributions and attitudes towards their roles as nurses. In Spring 2 our Geography topic is focusing naming and locating the countries that make up the United Kingdom.

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 we 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

This term, the children will have PE on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. Please could the children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE may be indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has a named jumper/hoody and jogging bottoms/leggings if it is cold (school colours only please - blue, grey, black). This term, the units focus on *Gymnastics* (pathways), *Movement Skills* (agility, balance co-ordination), *Games for Understanding* and *Rackets & Bats*.



Computing

Children will continue to explore how to use a keyboard and Purple Mash. This first half term children will be focusing on data handling which will include sorting and grouping as well as pictograms. In spring 2 the children will start to develop their computational thinking by being lego builders and maze explorers.

Music

Using our new music scheme, Sing Up, we will have fun with the units 'football', 'dawn from sea interludes' and 'musical conversations'. As well as this we will continue to sing during our worship time.



Further information

Please continue to **read daily** with your child at home. Books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday** but we do encourage repeat reading of texts, as this has shown to build excellent fluency in children. Please do record your child's reading on **Boom Reader** when you have read with them, noting page numbers where possible.

Home learning will continue to be set through Microsoft Teams. Tasks may vary but will usually include a Maths and Phonics focus. Please note homework will be handed out on a **Friday** this term, for return the following Wednesday.

Healthy snacks will be provided for the children's break time daily. Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Please could **all uniform and bags be clearly named** to help us re-unite lost items.

We are looking forward to another brilliant term and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in everything we do.

Mrs Loft, Mrs Miller, Mrs Porter and Mrs Zenonos

