

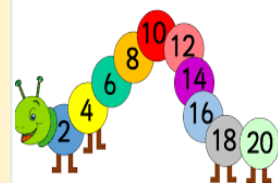
# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



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. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for our very generous Christmas gifts. Outlined below are the topics that will be covered this spring term.

## 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

This term we will continue our focus using different books which will help us explore both character and setting developments. These texts will also allow us to explore both fiction and non-fiction writing. The illustrations are a brilliant stimulus to engage the children and encourage their imaginations to run free. The children will also have daily phonics lessons and be read with each week.

## Science

Over the Spring term we will be looking at 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be looking at the fact that animals vary in many ways and will think about who we can sort animals into different groups. We will also think about different animal diets: some eat meat, some eat plants, and some eat both. In addition to this we will investigate the five senses in more detail.

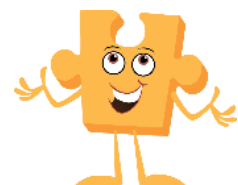


## History/Geography

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 is focusing on 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 Christian 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.

In the first term we will be doing art with a focus on drawing and making our mark. In the second half term we will be moving onto our new DT unit which has a textile focus. Both of these units include some lovely and creative activities for the children to enjoy.

## PE

This term, the children will have PE on a **Monday** 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 we will focus on are 'body parts', 'feet 1', 'team building' and 'rackets, bats and balls'.



## 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 music scheme, Charanga, we will learn key terminology, explore instruments and enjoy singing songs. Our two units are called 'exploring sounds' and 'learning to listen'.



## Further information

**Reading Books:** Your children's 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**, it is key for us when reading and changing your child's book. When recording your child's school book please log this as a 'reading book'.

**Homework:** The focus of home learning this year is reading, spelling and number facts. Please see the attached document for further information on expectations around this. An additional **OPTIONAL** homework grid for this term is also available.

**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 Healey, Mrs Miller, and Mrs Zenonos

