



Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2022

Welcome to Year 1!

Hello everyone and happy new year to you all!

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back over the last couple of weeks, ready for the new term. Here is some information about what we will be covering in class this term:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>To link with our topic of 'London', we will be exploring stories about Paddington Bear, retelling them and coming up with our own versions. We will also be looking at the story 'The Queen's Hat' and writing our own story set in London. We will be looking at postcards from London, writing one from Paddington to send back to Peru.</p> <p>To link with our 'Castles' topic, we will be exploring the stories of Rapunzel, 'The Paperbag Princess' and 'The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight'. We will be retelling stories, writing instructions and writing letters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>This half term we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, naming them, describing their properties and sorting them into groups. We will then continue our learning of place value and addition and subtraction, this time up to 20.</p> <p>After half term, we will be continuing our learning of place value and addition and subtraction, this term up to 50. We will also be learning about measures including length and height, weight, mass, volume and capacity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>In Science we will be learning about the human body. We will be identifying the different parts of our bodies and thinking about our senses. We will also be comparing how the parts of the body can be different in different people. We will be thinking about the importance of our senses and how they help us in everyday life.</p> <p>Also, we will continue to think about plants and seasons. We will particularly look at the seasons we are in now and compare how they differ to others. We will explore the different plants that we see in different seasons.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p>The first RE topic this term is about our local Church, St. Mary's Cathedral. We will be learning about the special people in our lives, including those at church.</p> <p>We will then move on to our Eucharist topic where we will be learning about Holy Communion.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Topic</u></p> <p>Our first topic is 'London' which will be taught through Geography. We will be looking at a range of maps to find out how far away London is from our school in Coulby Newham. We will be learning about the landmarks including Big Ben, The Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral and The London Eye. We will be looking at a tube map and learning about the Underground train system.</p> <p>After half term, our topic will be 'Castles'. We will be visiting a nearby castle and using books and the internet to learn about famous castles around the UK. We will be learning about Medieval times including the Monarchs, homes, food, sport and past times.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>In our PE lesson with MFC, we will be developing our invasion game skills. This will involve dribbling and bouncing, dodging, push passes, receiving a ball safely, and stopping a ball with our feet.</p> <p>During our second PE lesson, we will be focussing on yoga skills. We will think about controlling our breathing, the importance of warming up safely, stretching, and using our bodies to create different shapes.</p> <p>After half term, we will move on to 'net and wall skills' and 'dance'. This will involve moving in different ways to music and hitting a ball in a variety of ways using our hands.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>This half term, the children will be developing their ICT skills using a mouse and keyboard. They will be learning how to use the mouse to drag and drop and draw pictures. We will also be learning how to use the internet to source information and using the keyboard to type sentences.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RSE</u></p> <p>The first part of our RSE lessons will involve exploring 'Keeping Safe'. We will explore the difference between good and bad secrets, and when it is important to not keep a secret.</p> <p>We will then move on to talking about 'neighbours' and thinking about who neighbours are and how we can help each other.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jigsaw</u></p> <p>This half term, we are looking at 'celebrating difference'. We will begin with looking at the similarities and differences between our friends. We will then look at bullying and what we can do when someone is being bullied. Later, we will explore how to make new friends and how we can celebrate our differences.</p> <p>After half term, we will explore 'Dreams and Goals'. We will think about resilience and staying motivated to do something. We will talk about how we can help others achieve their goals and how to keep positive.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art</u></p> <p>To link with our topic of 'London', we will be practising our sketching skills by drawing some London buildings and landmarks. We will also be building a 3D model of a landmark.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DT</u></p> <p>Our first DT project will involve making a moving windmill. We will also be learning about food and nutrition and creating a healthy smoothie.</p> <p>After half term, we will be creating a moving story book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>This half term, we will be exploring the question 'How does music make the world a better place?'. We will introduce the terms 'tempo' and 'dynamics'. We will also continue to explore rhythm and pitch.</p> <p>After half term, we will look at the questions 'How does music help us to understand our neighbours?'. We will focus on combining pulse, rhythm and pitch.</p>