

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 2 - 2024

Our theme for Spring Term Two is:

Weird and Wonderful Weather



Our main focuses are:

- To find out about the daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.
- To learn about the different types of extreme weather and how they affect people around the world.
- To learn about the four seasons and the weather associated with them.

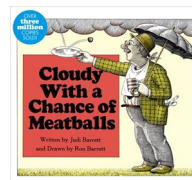
English

Novel study: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.

We are going to read the story and make predictions about the text. We will also use visualisation to help us infer. We will be writing a setting description of the town 'Chewandswallow' from our novel study book and will be thinking about how to use adjectives to create an image.

We will be jetting off on holiday to the town of Chewandswallow, but do not worry... we'll be sending you a postcard! We will focus on using the past tense in our postcards and adding the -ed suffix to a variety of verbs.

In our final week, the children will also have a chance to listen to a range of poetry and get to create their own.



Mathematics

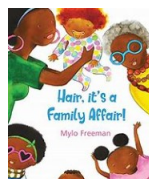
Our Mathematics topics for this half term will be as follows:

We will be looking at recognising money such as coins and notes. What notes do you recognise? What coins do you recognise? We will be telling the time to an hour and half past an hour. Using a clock at home, practise telling the time with an adult will really help. We will be measuring and recording time. What would you use to measure time? How many star jumps can you do in a minute? We will be measuring and recording capacity. Can you see how many millilitres are in your water bottle?



Personal, Social Health Education

In P.S.H.E. we will be looking at staying safe on the roads, online and at home. We will also look at who looks after us in the community.



Computing:

As well as continuing to learn how to use the functions in Seesaw, we will be using code.org to learn how to use algorithms. We will be programming games and learning how to debug.

Religious Education

In R.E., we will learn about Hinduism, Aum and all about the Holi festival. We will be comparing Holi to Easter and talking about the similarities and differences.



Science

We shall be exploring:

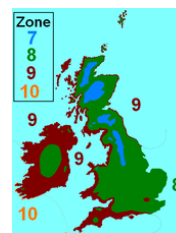
- The names of the four seasons.
- How day length varies across the four seasons.
- Identifying the weather associated with the seasons and being able to describe these weather conditions.



Geography

We will be looking at:

- Daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.
- Looking at extreme weather conditions.
- Identify seasonal weather patterns.
- Observing and recording weather in the form of a weather chart.



Art and Design

Here we will be giving the children a range of opportunities to develop their creative skills through a range of mediums.

Children will have the chance to create a different seasonal pictures using chalk, paints, pencil and pastels.



Music

The pupils will be using Boomwhackers and playing these in time to songs, thinking about pulse and rhythm. We will use the instruments to perform as a class.

Behaviour and Safety

This half term we will be learning about how to stay safe around roads and learning how to use the 'Green Cross Code'. We will also be thinking about how we can stay safe when travelling in a car too.

No Outsiders

As part of our 'No Outsider' curriculum, we will be learning about the story of 'Hair- It's a family Affair' with a focus on being proud of ourselves and celebrating our differences.

Physical Education (P.E.)

To keep us fit and healthy during the Spring term, we are going to focus on throwing and catching. We will be learning how to play a range of different games, teaching us the skills we need, such as different throwing techniques.

Shared Home Learning:

Please spend 10 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child everyday. This will really help support your child's success in reading. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. We are still learning tricky words so it would be great if you could support your child with these at home.

Key Dates

Year 1 trip to Attenborough Arboretum March- Monday 4th: Leopards, Tuesday 5th: Tigers, Weds 6th: Chimps, Mon 11th: Pandas
Thursday 7th March- World book Day
W/b 11th March- Crystal Maze week
Friday 15th March- Comic Relief