

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER SPRING 1 2024

Welcome to another exciting half-term in Year One!

Our topic this half term is **AFRICA**.

Read on to see what we will be learning about!

Please note that this overview may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.

ENGLISH

In English, we will be starting the half-term by reading the familiar children's book 'The Tiger That Came To Tea'. We then move on to 'Handa's Surprise'. We will do some drama based on this story as well as some descriptive writing. Towards the end of the half-term, we will do some non-fiction writing based on African Animals.

MATHS

In Maths, we will look at addition and subtraction within 20. We revisit place value and spend some time going over tens and ones with numbers to 50. We do this practically using lots of different apparatus such as straws, Numicon and Dienes. We also look at different methods for adding and subtracting using number facts we have already learnt. We will spend the end of the half-term looking at length and how we measure it. Remember to keep playing Numbots to increase fluency.

SCIENCE

We will continue with our work on the four seasons. The children will also learn some more about materials and conduct some scientific investigations based on their properties.

GEOGRAPHY

This half-term, we look at maps, atlases and globes to locate and name the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

DT

In DT, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own fruit smoothies.

COMPUTING

In Computing, the children will be exploring the world of digital art and its range of creative tools. We will be empowered to create our own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists. At the end of the unit, we will conclude by asking them to consider their preferences when painting with, and without, the use of digital devices.

PSHE

In PSHE, we look at the unit - Living Long, Living Strong. We look at personal hygiene and how to look after our teeth. We discuss how to look after our bodies with healthy eating and regular exercise. We will also be covering some of our RSE this half term - a letter with details of this will go out nearer the time.

RE

In RE, we think about how people should care for and look after the world. We also look at the story of the creation from the Bible.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

WEATHER: As the temperature has dropped and will probably continue to, please make sure the children come in with a coat as we will continue to go outside as long as the weather permits us to. Please note that if the children come in with hats, scarves and gloves, it is their responsibility to look after them.

PE: We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course) this half term, so please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on PE days - Monday and Thursday. If it's a Forest School week, the children will also need to bring in wellies and spare clothes. You'll be notified of these dates.

HOMEWORK: The children will continue to be issued with homework on a Friday. The homework should be returned by the following Wednesday either by sending it into school or posting onto Google Classroom.. Spellings and maths target tests will also carry on as normal every Monday. The children will be receiving a new maths target this half term - addition and subtraction facts for each number between 7 and 10.

Thank you to you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, please feel free to send us a message either by email or on Google Classroom.