



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

An Overview for Parents and Carers

SPRING TERM 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next term, Year 1's big question is....What is it like where Paddington was born? We'll be finding out about Paddington's early life growing up in the Peruvian rainforest. Please see below for curriculum coverage. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

English

We will be continuing with RWI which incorporates phonics, reading and writing. We will also be using Talk 4 Writing to support our learning. We'll be writing non-chronological reports about rainforest animals. You can help at home by continuing to support your child with reading by reading with them and to them.

Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at Place Value to 20, and then 50, addition and subtraction within 20, multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and we'll be learning to tell the time.

You can help at home by completing the optional weekly Maths homework which recaps what the children have been learning in class.

If your child prefers online learning, White Rose 1-minute Maths app, Numbots and Topmarks are excellent free resources .

Across The Curriculum

- In Design and Technology we will be joining fabrics and making our own Paddington puppets.
- PE in the spring term will take place outdoors. The children will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills, including throwing, catching, bouncing and kicking. We'll be learning a dance to perform to an audience.
- In RE lessons, the children will explore the questions, "Who do Christians say made the World?" and "How should we care for the world and for others?"
- In Computing, the children will be developing their basic programming skills, alongside continuing to learn about a paint package, name and save their work.
- In PSHE, the children will be exploring the topics of 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.
- In Geography, the children will use atlases and globes to name and locate the seven continents and five oceans. The children will be identifying features of hot and cold places, including the people and animals that live there.
- In our Science lessons we will continue finding out how the weather changes throughout the year and exploring the seasons of winter and spring. We will also be learning about everyday materials, their properties and uses, as well as performing simple tests.
- In Music lessons the children will be learning about different musical dimensions. They will be exploring music from Latin America such as the 'Bossa Nova' and 'Santana', Latin American songs such as 'Livin' La Vida Loca' by Ricky Martin and 'It Had Better Be Tonight' (Meglio Stasera) by Michael Bublé.

General Reminders

- PE will take place on Thursday's, please can children come to school in PE kit, including tracksuit bottoms, every Thursday.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please ensure book bags and RWI books are brought to school every day. (They may need emptying before next term!

