

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Below is some information about our learning this term. Our new topic is Journeys.

If you have any ideas or can help us with fundraising or listening to children read, please come in and see us.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 team.

### English

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about journeys different characters take in stories. We will first learn about Little Red Riding Hood and her journey into the woods by retelling and acting out parts of the story. This term we will look at how to use conjunctions such as 'and' to join two simple sentences together. We will look at using adjectives to describe parts of our story and to help us write our own interesting story about a trip to the woods. We will also look at writing our own non-fiction text about the great explorers Scott and Anderson and their journey across the south pole. We will look at designing our own fact file about different creatures that we find in the antartic.

### PE

The children will continue to have PE with Sporting World on Tuesday afternoons, starting with Gymnastics for the first half term. We will also be swimming this term every Wednesday. Other PE will continue with movement, throwing and catching and game skills. Please make sure the children have a complete and named PE kit in school every day.

### Humanities

In History we will be learning about the great race to the pole. In Geography we will be learning to create our own maps and point out the similarities and differences between different parts of the world. In RE we will be learning about about friendships and the qualities we find in good friends.

### Maths

Children will learn to tell the time to the hour and half past. They will learn to read and write the numbers to 40 in numerals and words. They will compare and order numbers and identify 1 more and 1 less.

The children will explore different ways to add and subtract one digit and two digit numbers to 20. They will apply these through reasoning and problem solving. They will begin counting in twos, fives and tens and use this to solve multiplication and division problems. The children will compare lengths and heights in practical problems and look at halves and quarters of objects, shapes or quantities.

### DT and the Arts

We will be making our own story boxes to design our own setting for our journey stories. We will also be learning how to plan and organise our own journey through our travel agents role play area.

### Science

The children will be learning about hot and cold deserts. What they are like and who or what lives there.

### Homework

Please try to read with your child for a few minutes each day. Children will have a follow-up task in their reading diary each week to support their learning. Please help them complete this.