



Why is the UK a special place to live?

Dear families,

We hope you have had a fantastic Easter break. We have really enjoyed our Spring theme. One of the highlights being our brilliant visits to Wentworth Garden Centre which we know all our children really enjoyed! We would like to congratulate all our Year 1 children on their excellent behaviour on the visit. They made us all so proud! We can't believe this is the children's last term in Year 1... there is lots to look forward to!

Our new theme will be Why is the UK a special place to live? In this Geography-based topic we will be taking the children on an exciting journey around the UK, learning about the four different countries (England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland) and what is special about them. We will be learning the climate/weather, capital cities, landmarks, favourite foods and the animals that live there. We will learn about the Queen and the Royal family. At the end of the theme, we will be holding a 'Year 1 UK Museum' where the children can share their learning with you at school.

Literacy: In our Literacy we will begin by learning about the patron saint of England through the famous story, **George and the Dragon**. Then we will read the Paddington Bear stories and write descriptions of him using the SPaG skills we have learnt. We will also be using our writing skills to retell one of his stories. We will be creating holiday posters and booklets for the countries in the UK. We will also be using lots of new vocabulary to describe the British seaside.

Maths: As Mathematicians, we will start the half term learning about multiplication and division. We will learn about money, the value of each coin, how to find the total of coins and also how to make amounts using different coins. We will also be consolidating our calculation skills to $+$ $-$ \times and \div , in order to prepare the children for Year 2.



Art and Design Technology

As Artists, we will be using different materials and techniques to create landscape scenes from the UK countries we will learn about. We will also be using papier mache to create huge landmarks from each of the UK countries.

History and Geography

Geography will be a huge part of our theme. The children will use world maps to locate the UK and a UK map to locate the four UK countries and their capital cities. We will be using geographical language to describe the natural and human features of the landscapes. We will also learn about the famous UK landmarks. As historians, we will study the Great Fire of London and the impact it has had on life in the UK today.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any worries at all. We will welcome you in at any time, however if the issue is not urgent we will have much more time to give you at the end of the day.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Miss Ibdali, Miss Whitworth, Mrs Yafai, Mrs Whitney and Mrs Simpson