



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term.

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for the many Christmas gifts and cards I received. They were such a lovely surprise and gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

I hope you all had a super Christmas and relaxing break.

The general topics this term are:

Living Things and their habitats  
Explorers, The planet Earth and beyond

Through these topics, children will be introduced to the various geographical aspects of the planet Earth, the diverse society we live in and its place within the universe.

The topic titles will take the form of questions, which the children will try to answer as we move through the term.

**The questions this term are:**

Why Did Plop live in a Tree?

What makes someone a significant person in history?

Why do people explore the unknown?

What does Planet Earth look like from Space ?

This term the class will be covering the following areas of learning:

**English:** We will continue to have regular grammar, spelling and punctuation lessons as well as dedicated reading comprehension lessons. However, most of our writing will be covered through our class storybook and related topic work. Phonic work will take place daily with the majority of children now working on phase 6.

**Maths:** Daily coverage of the Spring units of the Primary Framework for maths - please ask me for further details if required.

**Science:** Living Things and their Habitats.

**Geography:** Looking at the local area around our school. Habitats linked to the story, The Owl Who Was afraid of the Dark. Contrasting habitats around the world. Labelling parts of the UK on a map, distinguish water features and physical/human features on a map, using an atlas to

locate seas around the UK and oceans of the world, and using grids to locate places on a real and imaginary map.

**Computing:** Creating pictures, keyboard skills, using a paint program.

Using data handling programs to record information and results.

**R.E:** Explores the themes: What is the good news Jesus brings? Jesus and his stories, The Torah and Jewish Stories, Why does Easter matter to Christians?

**D.T:** Creating habitats and making a moving vehicle (moon buggy)

**Art:** collage, clay, printing, sketching and paint techniques

Looking at the work of various famous artists including Jackson Pollock and Mondrian, still life and abstract painting (linked to ICT).

**Music:** Recorders will recommence on a weekly basis along with percussion sessions linked to our topic.

**P.E:** Gymnastics/Apparatus and Games will continue weekly. Please ensure children have plimsolls, which fit and black joggers for outdoor PE sessions.

**SRE:** Differences, male and female

**SEALS:** Going for goals & Good to be me

**Homework:** Will be issued on Fridays and needs to be returned the following week in the homework folders provided please.

Spellings will also continue however, groupings may be altered due to ongoing assessments.

I hope this information has been useful. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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