

# Year 1 Newsletter Spring

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. This term we will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoon instead of Sporting World. We will still have PE on a Monday morning and will now have Sporting World on a Wednesday afternoon instead. We look forward to learning all about our wonderful world this term by starting off with our local area.

## Science

After half term the children will be learning about plants. We will explore what plants need in order to grow and stay alive as well as naming wild plants and trees.



## PE

Please make sure your child comes in with a towel, swimming costume and goggles if needed. All girls hair must be tied up and boys must wear shorts rather than board shorts when swimming. On Tuesdays your child can wear joggers as it will be easier for them when changing. This term we are learning about different balances through gymnastics. We then will use these to create our very own gym routine. We will also carry on with keeping our minds and bodies healthy through yoga.



## Humanities

This term we will focus on significant explorers with a particular focus on Christopher Columbus. We will also focus on the Adventures of Paddington Bear and compare Peru to the United Kingdom. We cannot wait to try out Bollywood dancing this term.

## Art and Design

In Art and Design this term we will continue to look at rainforests and the animals within them. We will construct our own 3D junk models of our favourite animals. We also will look at making and tasting our own food from the jungle.

## DT

In DT the children will be designing and making a fruit salad. They will have the opportunity to taste a range of different fruits and decide which is their favourite.

## Music

The children will have a special Indian dance work shop where they will learn about Indian music and the dances that go with it.

## Handwriting and Spelling

This term we will be beginning our weekly spellings. Please encourage your child to practise these at home in your child's reading record. Perhaps put them into a sentence. We practise handwriting everyday in school. Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly when writing at home.

## Computing



In computing this term we will look at creating and debugging different algorithms. We will do this both offline and on our new set of Chromebooks. We will focus on being able to independently create and find programmes online.

## English



In English this term the children will be learning about Traditional Tales. We will be learning about Little Red Riding Hood during the first half term and The Three Little Pigs after that. The children will learn and remember the stories using Pie Corbett's story telling maps. The children will be focusing on correct letter formation, capital letters and full stops and reading back their work to check it makes sense.

## Maths

In maths, we will begin with using what we know about 10 to help us make teen numbers. We will focus on how many tens and ones are in each number and use this to answer problems involving teen numbers. We will continue to explore counting in ones from any given number. We will also begin to focus on counting in multiples of 2,5 and 10.

We will begin to recognise ways of measurement. We will also explore how we can measure every day objects using balance scales and rulers. We will begin to describe and solve problems involving measurement.

