

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a well-deserved break. Thank you for such a warm welcome, it has been lovely spending some time with the children in our new classroom and welcoming the Nursery Children into school. As we look forward to a busy half term, we thought we would provide a curriculum overview of what we will be covering in Spring 1, "What a Wonderful World". Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any more information.

Geography

We will locate three features on an aerial photograph of the school and know the name of the country and village, town in which we live. We will make a map of the classroom with four key features, using objects to represent the distance and direction of features in the classroom.

Recognise four features in the school grounds using a map. Then, we will explain how we feel about three areas of the playground and find out how others feel by looking at the results of a survey. Draw a design to improve three areas of the playground using the results from the survey.

English

We will be focusing on a Non-Fiction Unit called 'Seasons' and a Poetry Unit called 'When I am by Myself' These units will include experience days, the use of exciting vocabulary and some independent writing in a variety of genres. Alongside these writing units, we will also be writing our 'News' and practicing our skills in other areas of the curriculum. Please keep a look out for activities that can be done at home!

Science

This half term we will be exploring Plants. As we move from Winter to early Spring, we will be looking for signs of new growth and start planting our own seeds. We will also carry out an experiment to see what will happen if plants are grown in the dark!

RE

This half term we will be learning about the Muslim faith. We will be studying different religious buildings.

Maths

Reception children will continue with our learning of numbers to 10. Year 1 children will be learning about Shape and building upon Addition and Subtraction within 20. Please look out for the Maths homework which encourages your child to develop Mathematical fluency.

PE

This term, we will be developing our Indoor Athletic and Gymnastics skills! This will include working on our core strength, balance and general fitness. Please ensure that hair is fastened back and earrings are covered/removed.

PSHE

We will focus on Living in the Wider World, thinking about the communities in which live and learning about caring for others.

Reading practise books will come home at the end of the week. The aim is for your child to be able to read their book fluently and independently. Please celebrate your child's success at home by hearing him/her read and by encouraging the use of expression. Your child will also choose a 'Love of reading' book each week and can access the reading shed at any time!

Reminders

- Please try to read with your child every day – reading wallets need to be in school every day.
- PE will be on WEDNESDAYS. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on this day.

