

## Ursula Taylor C of E School

### Spring Term in Year 1 we will be learning......

#### **English**



During our daily phonics sessions this term we will be focusing on learning new spellings for sounds e.g. 'ai' in rain, 'ay' in clay and a-e in cake. In our writing sessions this term, we will learn about the features of non-fiction texts e.g. headings, captions, labels, contents page etc. We will practise writing factual sentences using capital letters and full stops while learning how to use a question mark and join sentences with 'and'. We will create our very own fact-files and posters all about amphibians!

This term we will begin to learn how to join our letters together when handwriting.

#### Maths

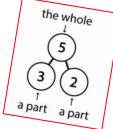
Our work this term will include:

- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Place Value and representing numbers beyond 10 in a range of ways
- Using apparatus with growing

independence

Measurement









#### **Religious Education**

In the first half of the Spring term we will focus on special places and consider the Big Questions: What makes some places significant? What makes some places sacred to believers? Why is a Church special to Christians? Why is a synagogue special to Jewish people? Why are signs and symbols so important?







In the second half of the Spring Term we will focus on SALVATION and consider these questions: Why does Easter matter to Christians? Is Easter more important to Christians than Christmas? Why did Jesus forgive the people that crucified him?



#### Science



We will learn about a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and decide whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We will be focusing closely on their features and body parts and investigating what makes them belong to their animal group e.g. how do we know an amphibian is an amphibian and not a reptile? We will also learn about the frog life



cycle!





#### **Our Topic**





Our Topic this term is *Frogs and Fairies!* In History we will:

- Explore the work of the Brothers Grimm and create a timeline of key events in their working lives.
- Learn about how this links to the life and work of Walt Disney.
- Explore the life of Tim Berners-Lee and find out about the history of communication and William Caxton, who set up the very first printing press in England!

In Geography we will:

- Read The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse and use this as a basis for learning about the differences between the countryside and towns.
- Name and locate Bedford and London on a map of the UK.
- Name and locate the 5 oceans and the 7 continents on a map of the world.

In Art we will:

- Exploring prints and print-making





#### Things to Remember

- Shrove Tuesday 13th February
- Mothering Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

# How Can You Help at Home?

We will soon begin weekly spellings practice – more information will follow during this term. Continue supporting your child with their reading at home.

#### P.E.

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Our focus in lessons will be:

Dance Hockey



Next half term:

Tag Rugby and Gymnastics

#### Computing



We use a scheme of work for Computing called Purple Mash and this term we will focus on coding.



#### Reading





This term we will use our topic sessions to inspire our work. We will have a focus on non-fiction texts; identifying the main features and using them to find information out about various animals after reading and re-telling the well-loved fairy tale *The Frog Prince*.

#### **Our Values**

