

Ursula Taylor C of E School

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

English



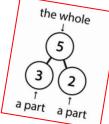
During our daily phonics sessions this term we will be focusing on learning new spellings for sounds e.g. 'ai' in rain, 'ay' in clay and a-e in cake. We will also be focusing on spelling skills and learning spellings each week that link to the Year 1 Common Exception Word Lists. In our writing sessions 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!

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

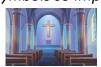






Religious Education

In the first half of the Spring term we will focus on special places and consider these 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





Our Topic





Our Topic this term is *Frogs and Fairies!* In the second half of the term 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

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:

- Mix shades and colours;
- Explore the work of famous portrait artists and create our own artwork inspired by them (Andv Warhol, Gerald Lovell and Picasso).

Things to Remember

- Shrove Tuesday 2st February
- Mothering Sunday 19th 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:

Gymnastics Hockey



Next half term: 💍

Computing



We use a scheme of work for Computing called Purple Mash and this term we will focus on word processing and digital media.





This term we will use our topic sessions to inspire our work. For the first half of this term, we will have a focus on nonfiction 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

