



Year 1 Spring 1



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a happy holiday!

We are really excited to start our new topic 'Splendid Skies.'

Reminders

- Listen to your child read daily and sign their diary.
- Bring signed reading books into school daily.
- **Label all your children's belongings** – children to bring a drink of water – no fizzy pop, prime or milkshakes please.
- Please stand back from the doors when collecting and be patient. We want to see each person collecting clearly to ensure we dismiss safely.

Key Dates

CHANGE OF PE DAY – 1F and 1FB Monday

*Please arrive in PE kit; **all jewellery -especially earrings, removed for safety.***

Websites

Please ensure you have access to the website below – personal login details have been shared.

- Oxford Owl
- SumDog

English

Phonics will remain the focus of lots of the activities we do in year 1. We will also continue to use our phonics to help us with our writing. We will also be learning to spell some of the Year 1 common exception words. We will focus on writing in sentences, especially the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

History & Geography

Our Humanities this half term will mostly be Geography based. We will revise what countries make up the UK and their capital cities. We will learn about maps and how to use a key to help us see what a map is showing us. We will also look at the different climates around the world – particularly in Africa and the Antarctic – and how the weather is different as you move closer to the equator.

PSHE & RE

The theme for this half term RE is 'Jesus as a friend' and the key question we will be looking at is "Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?" This unit of work is based around the religion of Christianity.

In PSHE, we will be learning about our dreams and goals to create 'Our Garden of Dreams and Goals'.

Science

Our Science for this half term is 'Everyday Materials'. This unit will teach us about everyday materials (where we distinguish between the object and its material) including wood, plastic, metal, water and rock.

Maths

This half term will focus on:

- Composition of numbers – specifically numbers 6-10
- Addition and subtraction within 20.

Key maths vocabulary

Add, addition, plus, greater than, take away, subtract, minus, subtraction, fewer than, is equal to, equals, is the same as.

Physical Education - Dance

The children will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing. They will understand why it is important to count to music and use this in their dances.

Music

'Exploring Sounds'

Music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. Explore these sounds and create your own very simple melodies.

Computing

'Improving mouse skills'.

The children will develop mouse skills by learning how to log in and navigate around a computer while creating digital artwork.

Art

In Art, we will be looking at sculptures. After investigating what we can do with paper, we will look at birds and the children will use their drawing skills to bring a paper bird to life!