

English:

In English, KS1 will be reading 'The Storm Whale', adapting the plot of this story to write their own stormy story! Meanwhile, the children in Reception will be reading stories related to a winter theme, starting with 'The Emperor's Egg', leading to lots of writing opportunities about penguins and The South Pole.

All children will enjoy Chinese New Year celebrations as part of this half term, reading recipes, writing poems and forming letters and numbers in mandarin.

Science:

In Science we will be investigating materials. KS1 will group and name different materials, making predictions and investigating to find which materials are most suitable for a given situation.

Reception will be thinking about materials that help us to keep warm in Winter.

Events/Reminders

PE: Tuesday

Swimming: Kits needed on Thursday

Spellings: New spellings/phonics sounds each Friday

Reading: Phonics reading books will be swapped each Friday. Children may continue to take home and enjoy sharing books available in the cloakroom.

Maths:

In Maths we will all continue our work on our knowledge of place value across all year groups, using equipment and games to help consolidate our understanding.

Key Stage 1 will learn to recognise different denominations of coins and notes, adding together amounts and finding change. They will then move on develop their understanding of division and multiplication.

In Reception, children will investigate weight and capacity and continue to investigate numbers within 10.

Geography:

In Geography, KS1 will be investigating the names of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom, naming their surrounding seas.

In Reception, children will be investigating snowy places and will learn about some of the animals that can be found here.

RE: This term KS1 are focussing on Judaism and the traditions within this religion. Reception will consider God as a creator within Christianity, exploring the Creation Story.

PSHE: In PSHE we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe, indoors, outdoors and online. We will talk about people who help us and the importance of listening to others feelings.

Art:

KS1 will be developing their painting skills, using a range of marks to represent different textures whilst exploring colour mixing. They will create a final piece inspired by our water themed topic.

In Reception, children will continue to explore mark making and colour mixing, through their investigation of their 'Artist of the Week', inspired by the week's interests and themes.

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