

Spring Term 2017 Key Stage 1 (Y1/2)

Where have all the leaves gone?

During this term, we will be finding out about the seasons and the changes we notice they bring with them. We will be using our senses to discover why there are less leaves around and finding out why we have different seasons. We will learn about evergreen and deciduous trees as well as identifying different trees and plants that we can find in our school environment. We will be using maps and weather charts to investigate UK weather changes and how the seasons and the weather vary in different parts of the world.



Maths

As we continue to learn key skills and concepts, we will also focus on activities linked to the seasons and weather, such as role play weather stations and reading temperature scales.

ICT

We will investigate how to create a simple multimedia presentation, combining text and graphics. We will also look at the importance of staying safe online and how.

Art

Inspired by the environment, the children will be developing their printing skills and we will use hard and soft materials to create different printing presses.

R.E

Our focus will be 'Belonging to a Christian Community'. We will explore the idea of belonging and talk about our experiences of having a new baby in the family. We will also focus on Easter and our Easter service.

Literacy

We are using our new knowledge of seasons to create information sheets to share our learning. We will be using headings, sub-headings and paragraphs. We will begin to edit and improve our written work. Shrove Tuesday provides us with the perfect opportunity to make pancakes and create a set of instructions.

Science

We will find out how the seasons impact on our daily life and exploring our different senses and how they work. Following the half term we will then investigate how plants grow and what is happening underground out of sight! We will also be planning and carrying out our own investigations.

Music & PE

We are exploring pitch and singing with expression. In PE, the children will continue to develop gymnastic and dance skills. Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school at all times.

PHSE & Citizenship

This term we are thinking about 'Going for Goals', reflecting on how we learn best and identifying solutions to help improve our learning. After half term we will celebrate what is good about ourselves.

Home Learning Project

As we find out more about seasons and the weather, we would like your child to keep a 'weather diary' for a week or two at home. Pupils may present their Weather Diary however they wish but we ask that they are handed in by Friday 24th February. Check with the class teacher if you need more info.

You can help your child by:

Listening to your child read at home for at least 15-20 minutes everyday. Pupils can use Active Learn Bug Club and Phonics Bug online at home to access a great range of books and related comprehension activities that will help with their understanding too. To login, use the first four letters of your child's first name, followed by the first four letters of your child's surname. The default password for all accounts is 'changeme' and our school code is 67aa.

Remember to check the Mathletics website for any set home learning tasks too. We have a daily Mathletics club in school too if your child does not have access at home. Please help and encourage your child to practise any spellings, maths Learn It's and complete any additional home learning.