



# Year 1 Spring 1 Newsletter



Our topic is “Bright Lights, Big Cities”

## English

In English, we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books as a class. Focused texts include: Katie in London and The Queen's Knickers and a selection of non-fiction books about London.



Children will be encouraged to break down unfamiliar words using phonic strategies and to discuss what they have read. Children will take part in daily phonic sessions as well as having daily English lessons.

## Maths

Children will be consolidating addition and subtraction within 10 using a range of strategies.

This learning will also lead children into investigating numbers and moving into comparing numbers up to 50.

We will also investigate 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

## Art and Design Technology

In Art, we will be developing an understanding of how art can be used to send a message to others. We are going to investigate some of the works of Banksy and look at the messages in his work.

The children will attempt to create their own artwork which is sending a message to people.



## Science

During Science, the children will be looking at materials and their simple physical properties. We will identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.

After that, children will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple properties.



## History



As part of our History topic next term, we will be learning about the local legend Dan Albone and the contributions he made in the engineering world. We are hoping to visit some of the Albone green wheel route.

## Geography

Children will learn the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans and name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK and the surrounding seas. We will be walking into town so we can learn about local geography. We will update you closer to the time with arrangements for this.



## PE

In PE this term, we will be doing skipping, yoga and gym. Gym will be taught on each Tuesday afternoon by Premier Education, skipping by Miss Holden and yoga by Mrs Russell.

## RE

*The principal aim of RE is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that pupils can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living.* Children will study **Islam** for this term. They will give examples of how stories about the Prophet Muhammad show what Muslims believe about him. They will give examples of how Muslims use stories about the Prophet to guide their beliefs and actions (e.g. care for creation, fast in Ramadan). At the end of the unit, children will be able to give examples of how Muslims put their beliefs about prayer and about Allah into action (e.g. by daily prayer, by using *subhah* beads).

### Values

January: Thankfulness

February: Friendship

## DT

In DT, the children will be investigating different structures and looking at iconic London landmarks. They will then investigate how to make stable structures and recreate some bridges. The children will rehearse skills before making a final product and then evaluate what they have done.

### Computing

The children will continue to develop their keyboard skills when logging on/off a computer. They will also begin to develop their word processing skills using the laptops. The children will again be using Purple Mash to support their learning.

### Music

In Music, the children will be taking part in some traditional playground songs and using instruments or different parts of their body to accompany the songs.

### Dates for your diary:

**03.03.2020**- History walk into Biggleswade - Dan Albone (am)

**10.02.2020** - English afternoon tea party - celebration of children's work

### **Fantastic Finish:**

We are inviting you on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February at 2.30pm to our '**English Afternoon Tea Party.**' You will have the opportunity to see our work, sing some songs and celebrate our achievements. We will be serving homemade scones and tea and coffee so please save the date in your diaries.