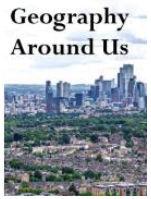
Year 1 learning overview.
Spring 1



Geography:

This half term we will be focusing 'Geography All Around Us'. The children will compare our school to another in Tottenham. They will explore buildings, transport and locations within Tottenham and then branch out to exploring London as a whole. The children will learn about maps and fieldwork. Finding out about the elements of maps and how to use them. They will also take part in their own fieldwork with a visit to Alexandra Palace. Finally, the children will think about geography in relation to the study of living things, considering the importance of looking after our world and the living things within it.



WORLD VIEWS/RELIGION:

Year 1 will begin a new RE unit this half term called 'How do we celebrate our journey through life?' Children will explore how people celebrate important moments in their lives. They will think about special events in their own lives and how families mark occasions such as birthdays, starting school or joining a new group. They will then learn how Christians and Muslims celebrate the birth of a baby, including Christian baptism and Muslim naming ceremonies. Children will explore artefacts, symbols and stories linked to these celebrations and take part in creative activities such as designing cards, invitations and symbolic artwork.



SCIENCE:

Year 1 will be learning about 'Everyday Materials'. Children will explore objects around them and identify what they are made from, including wood, plastic, metal, glass, fabric and rock. They will describe materials using words such as hard, soft, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, waterproof and absorbent and take part in simple investigations to compare materials and test their properties.

READING:

Our children will be continuing their daily reading lessons working through the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. The school library is open 3:30 – 4:00 each day for those on Accelerated Reader but anyone is welcome to borrow a book. Also, here's a link to free online books https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/



MATHS:

In Year 1 this half term we will be covering:
Time - Reading, writing and telling the time to o'clock and half past on analogue clock, sequencing daily activities, whole and half turns linked to time.
Exploring calculation strategies within 20 - Modelling, explaining and choosing addition and subtraction strategies
Numbers to 50 - 2-digit numbers – representing, sequencing, exploring, comparing, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, describing and completing number patterns.
Each week we will set optional MyMaths homework. This is linked to what the children are learning in class. Please also continue to practice recognising and writing numbers to 20 with accuracy.



WRITING:

In our writing we will continue to focus on writing on the line and using capital letters, fingers spaces, and full stops with accuracy. The children will also be practicing their letter formation in handwriting sessions four times a week. Our written tasks this half term will be linked to our geography topic. We will be writing descriptive sentences about our local area using adjectives, as well as writing a letter to David Lammy about improvements that could be made to our local area. We will also be reading and retelling the story Beegu, and linking this story to our own local area work. The children will further develop their vocabulary and learn to use adverbials, because, plurals as well as a range of adjectives.



WIDER CURRICULUM:

Art: Our local area. Drawing & collage: Friensreich Hunderwasser
Music: Pulse and Rhythm: Sounds of the 80s.
PE: TUESDAY - Rounders
PSHE: Diverse Britain
Mandarin: Numbers 1-10, Where is China?
Computing: Creating and Following Instructions



WISH LIST:

We have added a few resources to an Amazon Wish List that will help us to enhance our class' curriculum this half term. If you are able (and only if you are – no pressure at all!) we would appreciate your support in donating an item to us. Follow the link: https://amzn.eu/c277U2d