



Year 1 - Spring 1
January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and that the children made the most of a well-deserved break. The children had a fantastic Autumn Term learning and adapting to new routines as well as a different curriculum and we look forward to another term of learning!

English

We will continue with the Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar Program. In Phonics, we will be focusing on split digraphs and alternative spellings of the sounds that we already know. Our Grammar will focus on initial consonant blends, alphabetical order, verbs, conjugating verbs, and past tense.

The children will consolidate their learning from last term in joining words and clauses using 'and', using the suffixes -s and -es, the prefix -un, using -ing, -ed, -er and -est, spelling the 72 tricky words correctly, using spaces between words, and using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

Our Power of Reading text will be 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. Through these stories the children the children will have opportunities to express their views on the story, discuss their likes and dislikes, give reasons for their answers and make predictions and inferences.

Reading:

Children will read in weekly Guided Reading sessions. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read and reading to them as often as possible, using a wide range of books (not just the scheme books sent home).

Maths:

- Finding how many are left (subtraction)
- Breaking apart numbers (subtraction)
- Related addition and subtraction facts
- Counting backward
- Finding the difference
- Solving word problems
- Comparing additions and subtractions
- Naming 2D shapes
- Naming 3D shapes
- Making patterns with shapes
- Counting and writing numbers to 20
- Partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s
- Comparing numbers of objects
- Counting one more and one less
- Ordering numbers
- Representing and using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- Adding and subtracting one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20 (including zero)
- Solving one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction
- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number
- Counting, reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals
- Counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens
- Number - number and place value given a number, identify one more and one less
- Using the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- Comparing and ordering numbers from 0 up to 100; use $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Time Travellers'. Through this unit of work the children will step back in time and become history detectives! We will find and solve clues to unlock the mysteries and meanings of past events. In this topic we will explore historical events.

History:

- How to create a timeline
- About events that are important to us
- How to use objects to find out more about an event
- About important events that happened in our local area
- How we can find out about an event by interviewing someone who was there
- How to use different sources to learn about a national event
- About events of global significance by asking and answering questions

Technology:

- About favourite meals from 50 years ago
- About food groups and healthy eating
- Where food comes from

International:

- About different festivals from around the world
- How we can compare different festivals from around the world

RE:

Our RE topic this half term is 'Why Do Christians Make and Keep Promises to God?' The unit builds on children's knowledge of belonging to a Christian community. Through it we will explore:

- The idea and meaning of belonging;
- Infant Baptism - Christian ceremony in which parents / carers and godparents promise to bring up a child in the Christian faith;
- Jesus' Baptism;
- Christian Wedding - an act of worship in which promises are made to God and each other, what marriage means for Christians;
- How promises are important in both Christian Baptism and Christian marriage.

PE:

This half term Year 1 will be working on gymnastics with Mr Naughton, covering; Pupils will focus on maintaining balance while moving along apparatus and perform basic jumps. In addition the class will practice a variety of rolls and balancing on different body parts. Skills will be linked into basic sequences and applied through a range of co-operative games.

Music:

In Year 1 music this half term our topic will be storytime and learning how music can be used effectively to tell a tale. We will also link in with their class topic of Time Travellers where the children will listen and appraise a range of different musical styles from different genres and eras. They will learn how to identify the contrasting elements of fast or slow (tempo) and loud or quiet (dynamics) using their proper musical names, and how they can be utilised to good effect in telling a story. The topic will lead to a performance in groups in front of their peers.

Art:

Mrs Adams will continue to provide specialist teaching in Art on a Monday.

PSHE:

This half term's topic is 'Dreams and Goals.' We will think about their hopes and dreams. We will:

- Reflect on a dream we would like to achieve
- Contemplate what will help us to remain motivated even in the face challenges
- Explore what resilience, perseverance and determination means
- Work together to achieve a collective goal
- Consider how we can help others to achieve their dreams
- Celebrate success.

Computing:

The children will continue to practice how to use a computer - turning it off/on, logging in/out, navigating to different programmes, touch-typing. We will also be looking at how to stay safe on the internet and how we can use a computer to present information.

Home learning:

Home learning routines remain the same as last term:

- An online maths activity, Grammar sheet and dictation will be set on Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Book change will take place once a week on Thursdays. Please continue to use the prompts and questions on the inside cover of the book as discussion points with your child. Please also use the reading record book for any comments regarding reading; including if you require new books.
- We will continue to have spelling tests every Friday morning. These will be reinforced the following week through the dictation home learning.
- The purpose of Dictation is to reinforce the spelling pattern learnt the previous week. Moving too quickly through the dictation does not give the children enough time to embed the spelling patterns therefore only complete one week's dictation each week.

Other information:

- Please always keep your child's reading books and reading records in the zipped book bag provided. **This needs to be brought into school daily.**
- Home learning folders should also be **brought in daily** as this is where we will put any home learning tasks as well as any letters/leaflets/handouts.
- There is a volunteer induction on **Tuesday 14th January, 2pm-3pm. This will be the last one of the academic year.** Please sign up in the office.
- Useful links:
Website - <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk>
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/PutneySMPS>
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Thank you for your support,
Miss Barrett and the Year 1 Team