KS1 Newsletter Spring 2020



February 2020

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term break. We were incredibly proud of the Year 1 and 2 children that attended the dance festival before the break. They conducted themselves in a professional manner and delivered a stunning performance. Thank you to all that attended and your kind words of support.

Splendid Skies!

Imagine floating high above land and sea on a bed of clouds, silently sweeping by on a billowing breeze. Back down to earth for some exciting activities linked to our new topic. We will be looking at cloud names and how they are formed, linking to the water cycle. We will also investigate the affects of weather on rock formations. Listen to different sounds or music representing the seasons and/or weather. We will look at different examples of weather depicted in art and use the pointillist technique to create our own art. It will also evolving the children making their own rain gauges!

Notices

Stars of the Week
Each Friday we celebrate our stars of the week in a special school assembly. The assembly will start at 8:50 and we will let you know in advance if your child has been chosen.

Reading Records
Please try to read each night with your child for 10-15 minutes.

Named Clothing
Please can we remind you to label all items of clothing to avoid items going missing. Thank you.

PE
PE kit will need to come in on a Monday and go home on a Friday . Please ensure that your child brings the correct kit for PE, including trainers and a plastic bag for these to go in case they get muddy.

Reminders
- Please provide your child with a warm coat and sensible shoes.
- All children should be wearing black school shoes.
- All children need a named water bottle.

We would appreciate any spare boxes as we will be junk modelling later in the term.

Please check the website for updated homework grids and spelling lists.

The KS1 Team are...

Class teachers:
Miss Benham
Mrs Harris

Class assistants:
Mrs Allaway
Mrs Brown
Mr Cook
Mrs Real –Lage
Mrs Thomas

Key Dates To Remember This Term

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	Mon 24th Feb
WORLD BOOK WEEK	w/c 2 March
WORLD BOOK DAY	5 March
PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS	9th March 11th March
SATS MEETING	Wed 18th March
AHLBERG SHOW ASSEMBLY	25th March
EASTER SERVICE	2nd April
LAST DAY OF TERM	2.00pm Fri 3rd April

Last Term's Half-Termly Achievers

A big well done to...

George and Karina

Spring 2nd Half Term

Splendid Skies



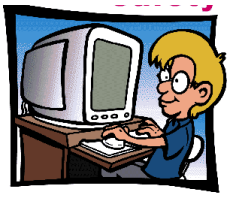
Here is an overview of what we will cover in the different areas of the curriculum this term.



English: We will have two focus texts this term 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain' by Verna Aardema and 'A Story Like the Wind' by Gill Lewis. The children will retelling stories, writing descriptions, diary writing and role playing around these texts. They will also write their own poems about the weather.

Mathematics: Year 2 will be learning about fractions using both shape and quantities. Year 1 will be exploring capacity and weight.





Computing: The children will be continuing their work on direction and grids. They will also be developing their mouse and keyboard skills.

Music: Children will be listening to musical pieces inspired by weather and thinking about how the dynamics and tempo affect their emotions.





PSHE: Our topic is Healthy Eating and Self Care. The children will be learning about the healthy plate, the food groups, and ways to stay well both physically and mentally .



Humanities: This term the children will be learning about the contributions of significant people who explored the skies.

Science: The children will be learning about cloud formations, the water cycle, and the Beaufort Scale. They will be investigating instruments that measure temperature, wind, and rainfall.



Physical Education: In this unit, Inkpen class will explore different gymnastic floor skills focusing on balance and co-ordination. Ahlberg will be using apparatus to continue their gymnastics unit.



Art and DT: The children will be investigating weather in art and creating their own weather paintings inspired by pointillism. They will also be designing their own rain gauges.



RE: The children will be learning about the Easter story and its significance to Christians.



Home Learning grids are given out each half term and can be found in the front of your child's book along with the spelling grids and Mathletics login. Spellings are tested on a Friday. Children will receive Mathletics and paper based homework on alternate weeks.

Our Value this term is:



FRIENDSHIP