

Welcome back Year 1!

Here is our Term 4 Newsletter which gives an overview of our learning this term. This term our topic takes a Geography focus as we travel around the United Kingdom with Paddington Bear.

Creative Curriculum

Our Paddington topic is a creative way to explore the United Kingdom. With Paddington as our tour guide, we will start in Bradford-on-Avon and gradually work our way around the different countries in the UK. We will be identifying the capital cities and looking at their geographical features. We will also look at the different seas as we cross them. In Science lessons this term, we will be looking at animal classification starting with mammals and then going on to look each week at the other groups: birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. We will then go on to make comparisons between groups. As part of this learning, we are excited to be able to tell you that we will be having a visitor from Longleat Safari Park, who will bring a selection of their animals to see us! More on this to come....

Maths

In maths we will continue our addition and subtraction strategies within 10, focusing particularly on doubles and halves. We will also be counting in 10s and adding multiples of 10. Later in the term, we will further our understanding of numbers by counting forwards and backwards within the range of 0-100.

Remember our Numbots app. This should be done weekly alongside of spelling shed and reading.

English

In English the children will be writing letters and postcards to Aunt Lucy from Paddington Bear as he visits the UK. In doing so, they will be continuing to use full stops, capital letters and question marks. We will be developing our understanding of adding suffixes -s and -es in our writing, as well as exploring the suffix -ed. We will also be revisiting using 'and' to join sentences. Additionally, the children will be learning how to spell the days of the week and include them in their writing.

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Where in the UK is Paddington Bear?



Reading

Thank you for supporting your child with daily reading; your support really does make a difference to your child's progress.

Repeated reading of books is really important for increasing fluency so please do try to read each book more than once, as this needs to be a focus for all children. We are pleased to say we have recently bought some new guided reading books from Big Cats Collins. These may look a little different but are still closely matched to your child's phonic knowledge.

Please feel free to write us a comment if you wish to keep hold of a book for another week.

Dates for your diaries

World Book Day – Friday 4th March. Dress up as a book character.

Tuesdays and Thursdays – PE (come to school in PE kit)

Thursdays – Spelling tests

Please continue to bring your reading folder with books and reading log each day. Thank you so much for your support with this! 😊

Phonics

This term we will continue with our discrete phonics sessions. We will be revising Phase 5a digraphs and continuing to learn alternative Phase 5 sounds.

Spellings

We hope the children are enjoying spelling shed. Please do let us know if you are having any difficulties or require the login details again.