



Poppy Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to School after such a long time of home learning! We hope you have had a lovely Summer. We can't express how wonderful it is to be learning and teaching with your children again at last, albeit a little differently and just within the Poppy Bubble this term.

Below is a summary of what we will be learning about in Term 1, **"Here We Are" and Planet Earth**, with even more time spent in talking about our feelings and on re-establishing close peer friendships and interaction skills within our bubble. Please see an attached letter from our Speech & Lang Therapy colleagues.

English



Our Power of Reading book this term is **'Here We Are'**, by **Oliver Jeffers**, which will help bring us back together and focus on caring for ourselves, each other and our Earth, hopefully generating wonder and joy.

We'll look at other stories and information books (fiction & non-fiction) about our planet Earth, the seasons and seasonal changes, as well as sharing other stories by Jeffers.

We shall focus on reading (& spelling) common exception (red "tricky") words and continuing to apply our "Fred Talk" phonological skills to decode for reading and spelling. We aim for most Y2 children to be improving their joined handwriting this term, so please do practise in your home learning books.

A very warm welcome to Mrs Jessie Smythe, who joins us as a new Spec TA Weds-Friday, alongside Kerri Colley!

Topic: Planet Earth:

Learning will focus on our 7 continents and our Oceans with key words and more information here to come home soon.

Science: Seasonal Changes:

We've already started taking on the attributes of scientists to investigate our local environment for signs of change from the features of Spring and Summer we saw when at home in lockdown & on holiday! We have lots of time and weather/climate key words and definitions to learn (*on their way home to you, symbolled, next week!*) and experience some of at first hand, and will be going on local walks to Macey's Meadow and enjoying our Forest School to observe Autumn change close up and personal. We shall safely sample Blackberries and apples, with care taken over any food allergies, of course.

Maths



Number:

Year 1s: Working out number bonds to numbers up to 10 & matching subtraction calculations, as well as adding & subtracting using numbers within 20.

Year 2s: Addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers to/from 2 digit numbers. Counting in 2, 5 and 10s, and beginning to relate these multiples to their times tables.

Space & Measures:

Capacity and Weight: non-standard measuring including vocab such as "empty, nearly full; lighter than", and for Year 2s, beginning to use standard measures of litres and kilograms. We shall link volume and capacity explorations with weight investigations

Symbolled key words will come home for support personalised to your child/ren, thank you.

RE :



We shall be exploring what Parables which Jesus told shows us about Christians' relationship in God as all loving and forgiving. We shall think how Christians put their beliefs into practice in both Worship and everyday living and make links to our English book and focus.

EHCP Provision Plans:

We shall review your children's Provision Plans this term (February targets) and update them for October's 1st In-Year Reviews, to be held remotely.

Art & DT: Planet Earth & Human Beans/Beings: learning & enjoying a wide range of different media and techniques including repeat printing and embroidery, just right to develop "Clever Fingers" & linking closely with both our Story Map journeying in English, and seasonal change learning in Science and Topic.

PE: Please send your child/ren into School on **FRIDAYS in PE**

KIT (named track suit top & bottoms over T Shirt & shorts, with plimsolls), rather than in usual School uniform.

Computing



Learning about Scratch and algorithms through our "We are Explorers!" focus. We shall programme BeeBot toys to travel to various destinations and learn the language of position (key words to follow for more home fun!) We shall explore "Scratch Junior", as well as our Bee BotApp on our iPads, too.

Language Groups: will run weekly on Weds and Thurs with Jill's and Hannah's remote involvement for now.