



Year 1 Newsletter



Spring 2021

We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas holiday and wish you a Happy New Year. We would like to share some of the work planned for the Year 1 classes this term, through our theme of **Transport and Journeys** so that you can support your child in his or her learning.

Please provide your child with water in a bottle that is labelled with their name. Due to the current pandemic, we are unable to have cups in class. Please also help us to save time by putting your child's name on their fruit before school. Fruit will still not be sold in school due to the current pandemic.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the term, please do not hesitate to telephone us.

Language, Literacy and Communication

All pupils will continue to work on the "Read Write Inc" scheme in small groups. Please bring reading folders in every Friday. We will then send them home every Monday.

During this term we will focus on handwriting and letter formation, including capital letters, using the correct position on the line and tall and tail letters.

We shall listen to and read a variety of stories and read non-fiction books to help us learn about our topic. During focused speaking and listening activities we will perform stories as a class. We will learn 'Monkey See Monkey Do' with actions and use the framework of the story to create written story innovations of our own.

As a class, we will read the Jolly Postman story and write letters to a favourite character.

We will learn about Wales and we will write facts about Welsh lovespoons.

Welsh Language Development

We will listen to our teachers speaking in Welsh and respond appropriately, such as by answering the register. We will learn new language patterns and ask and answer questions in Welsh to our friends.

On Saint David's Day we will perform songs and speak in Welsh as a class. We will use Welsh in class daily, such as counting or singing weather songs.

In our topic work we will learn the Welsh names of vehicles. Together we will read big books and write simple phrases in Welsh.

Mathematical Development

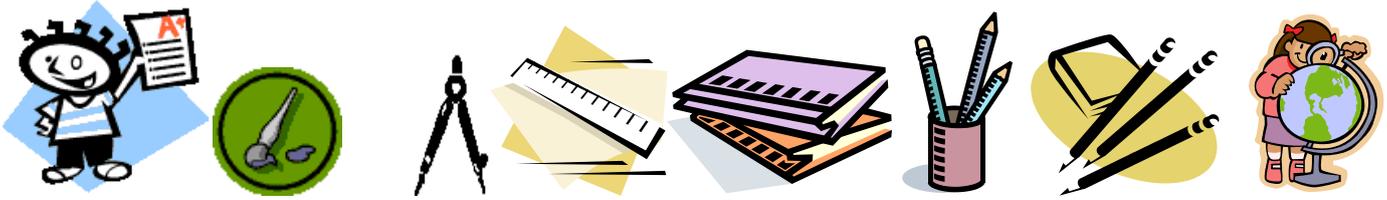
This term we will be continuing to learn number bonds, doubles and how to add 10 to a number. We will record this and play games to use these skills.

We will be using coins to make amounts within £1 and begin to give change.

We will continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and measure length, weight and capacity with non-standard and standard units.

We will take part in a transport survey and record our findings of the traffic outside our school. We will think about how to sort vehicles in a variety of ways. The children will write numbers within 100 and then beyond. We will count forwards and backwards from a given number. The children will count in 2's, 5's and 10's and learn ordinal numbers when listening to the Jolly Postman story. We will add and subtract numbers and record our work. The children will use the 'Let's Think' scheme to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

We will learn about time, using o'clock and half past in analogue and digital time. We will name the days of the week and months of the year.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term we will be finding out about where we live and our locality. We will learn about Wales and look at maps and globes. When we go on a sensory walk, we shall observe seasonal changes as winter becomes spring. In class we will use a range of technology to support our learning, including iPads, robotic toys and large interactive screens. We will learn about vehicles and about methods of travelling and vehicles from the past.

We will categorise vehicles in to whether they travel on land, sea and air and how they move and are powered.

The children will be encouraged to learn their home address and postcode.

Physical Development

We will develop our fine motor control in a variety of ways, such a model making, drawing, cutting, painting and craft activities.

Please ensure your child wears an appropriate outdoor PE kit and footwear to school on the correct day. 1P have PE every Wednesday and 1M have PE every Tuesday (outdoor weather permitting).

Personal and Social Development, Well-being and Cultural Diversity/RE

We will be finding out about 'Special Times' such as Chinese New Year, Saint David's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter. We will learn about yearly traditions. During 'Circle Time' we will learn about being a good friend. In RE we will look at Bible stories and discuss Jesus the good friend. We will also learn how to cross the road safely and keep ourselves healthy.

Creative Development

In art we will be exploring a variety of materials by making a collage of a winter scene.

As part of our learning about Welsh customs we will design and make a lovespoon from clay.

In our art lessons we will create a painting in the style of artist Georges Seurat using dots.

We will design and make an Easter hat as a follow up from the story 'Monkey See Monkey Do'. We shall play percussion instruments and make a sound story about a train journey.

