



Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Summer 1!

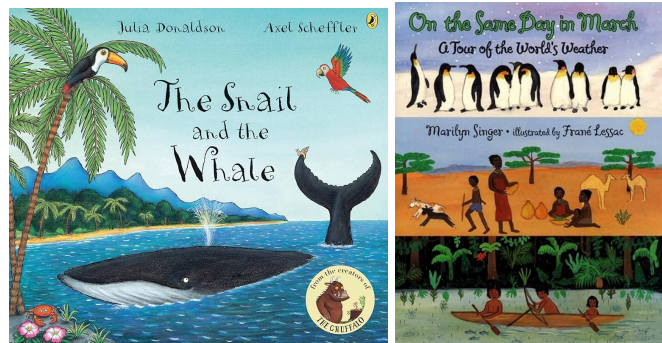
As a school we will be focusing on Keep Green:



Our learning will be centred around transport this term.

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests? These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?



Reading

This half term we will be reading *The Journey and We're going on a lion hunt* as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of different scenery and the children will enjoy learning new vocabulary!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of transport and we will be reading *Nobody Owns the Sky*. Using this text, the children will write a biography about the main events from Bessie Coleman's life. The children will then write a diary entry about a journey on a train using apostrophes for contraction. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding apostrophes and exclamation sentences in their writing. For example:

"I've had the most exciting day ever. We went on the Japanese bullet train, and it was like flying on land!"

Please see the link below for further information linked to using apostrophes in sentences:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdsthbk#zngsrnm>

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

3D shapes- describing, grouping and building 3D shapes and structures.

Fractions- finding halves, quarters and thirds of amounts and finding parts of sets.

To support your child further, here are some useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3rbg82>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcsjqty>

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about the history of transport. We will be exploring how transport has changed in the UK overtime. The children will be finding out more about the history of flights and we will focus on Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart. We will be visiting The Transport Museum to explore our topic further.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May Year 2 trip to the Transport Museum

Friday 16th May Wear Stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 16th May Year 2 Assembly

Friday 23rd May end of Summer 1

Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep kind.' We will be learning about how we can help the younger community.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be around Living things and their habitats. We will explore different habitats around the world. We will also be learning about food chains and what things are living, dead or never alive.

We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the habitats we will be studying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Creating media- making music'. We will develop our understanding of using media to produce different music genres.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Relationships'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss families, healthy relationships and who can keep them safe. They will learn and talk about appreciating those around them.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is all of the key religions. Our key question is 'How do we know what is right or wrong?'.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on rounders and cricket.

Class PE Day: **Monday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays**.

Music

The children will be exploring pop music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm. They will also rehearse their songs for Hackney Music Festival.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'transport.' The children will learn how to use language linked to different modes of transport.

DT

This half term in DT, the children will make a model car using moving wheels and axels.

Art

This half term year 2 are creating transport monoprints with a focus on using different shapes.

Cooking

This half term we will be making pastries. Year 2 will be making cheese straws.

Forest School

This half term we will continue to attend Forest School every Tuesday afternoon. If you are able to join please let us know.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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