

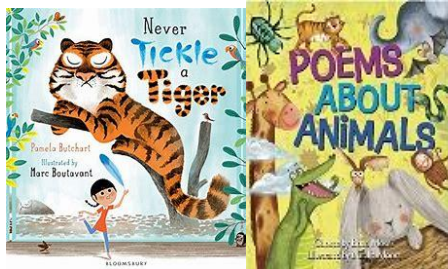
Year 1 Lent 2 Newsletter

Hello, and welcome back; I hope that you have all had a lovely, restful half term break. I am looking forward to seeing you again and I hope that you are feeling ready to learn as we have lots of exciting, new things to learn about this term.

English

Last term in English we did lots of work about space, describing aliens, the moon, rockets, and we also looked at the story of Neil Armstrong and wrote about his life. We then moved onto the Queen's Handbag where we focused mainly on dairy/journal style recounts.

This term, we will begin by looking at the book 'never tickle a tiger'. For this unit of work, our end goals will be a narrative and a warning poster. We will then move on to the book Animal Poems and have a go at writing our very own animal poems.



Maths

This term in maths, we will be working on place value within 50. This will include looking at how to count forwards and backwards to 50, how to count by making groups of tens and ones, how to use a number line to 50, how to estimate and looking at one more than and one less than. Later in the term, we will be moving on to length and height, followed by mass and volume.



R.E.

In Lent 1 we will begin by doing a Catholic Social Teaching lesson based on the poor and vulnerable. We will then do our multi faith lesson on Judaism. After this we will begin studying our new topic which is 'desert to garden' which is all about the events that take place before and during the Easter period.

Topic

Our big question is “what makes up the United Kingdom?”. This includes the following learning questions:

LQ 1 Can I explain the difference between a town and the countryside?

LQ 2 Can I locate the United Kingdom on a world map?

LQ 3 Can I name the countries of the United Kingdom?

LQ 4 Can I find out the capital cities of each of the 4 countries?

LQ 5 Can I explain what each capital city is like after researching them?

LQ 6 Can I use create a fact file showcasing key facts from each of the countries/capital cities?



Science

Throughout Lent 1 we focused on animals, during Lent 2 we are going to look at plants. Our big learning question is ‘what grows in our garden?’. Our learning questions will be as follows:



LQ1: What delights have we got?

LQ2: What will grow best in our garden centre?

LQ3: What is inside a flower?

LQ4: What lives in our school?

LQ5: Can you look after a flower?

LQ6: What is inside a tree?

Guided reading

Last half term we read a variety of texts including fact and fiction. Our main focus book was the rainbow fish. Throughout this half term we will continue to embed the structure of guided reading and will be using the DERIC format.

Once a week we will look at an alternative genre. The alternative genre may be through a poem, non-fiction book, a comprehension, or a video.

How can you help?

Each week your child will have two reading books. The bench marked reading books will be changed frequently.

On a Friday your child will receive homework; this will be English, phonics and maths based most weeks. There will also be weekly spellings for the children to practise. The homework is to be done for the following Friday and we also do our spelling tests on Fridays too.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and remember that the grown-ups in class are available before or after school if you need to speak to us.

Miss Macklin, Mrs Bray and Miss Walker.

