

# Spring Term 2024



## Year 1

The theme this term is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be exploring, naming and answering questions about everyday materials so that the children become familiar with the names of materials and their properties. Children will explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials, using this to work scientifically to answer questions.

## History and Geography

Our topics for this term are 'The history of travel and transport' and 'The United Kingdom'. We will begin by exploring the history of transport and travel, whilst looking at key people and events throughout history. This will include the invention of the steam train, landing on the moon and the first flight. We will make comparisons between transport in the past and transport in the modern-day world. After the half term holiday, we will start to investigate The United Kingdom and examine the human and physical features. We will also develop our understanding of key geographical terms and use some mapping technology.

## Art and Design

Our art topic this term will explore the use of colour, whilst focusing on different types of printing to create a final piece. In design technology we will be exploring the use of sliders and levers in the everyday world and investigating simple forms of these to produce Easter cards.

## RE

In RE, we will be looking at the life of Jesus and the 'Good News' Christians believe he brought us, the people that he met and the miracles that he performed. We will also learn about the events of Holy Week and Mothering Sunday.



## PSHE



Our PSHE work will focus on being 'Heart Smart' and learning about each of the different principles behind that concept. We will also be looking at remaining positive during difficult times and how to look after our own wellbeing. We will learn about staying safe: who can help us, good and bad touches, online safety by not sharing pictures, and medicines.

## Music

Children will be exploring what is meant by pitch and learning how to control the pitch of the voice. They will respond to changes in pitch and learn that percussion instruments produce different pitches.

## PE

PE is now taking an extra focus into understanding the basic skills of PE including jumping, balancing, dodging, catching etc. PE will also be taught by our Sports Coach.



## **Helpful information:**

Reading books – collected in on Wednesday and sent home on Friday (please sign the reading record every time your child reads).

PE    Week A - Tuesday and Wednesday.  
      Week B – Tuesday.

Spelling Check – Every Monday unless stated otherwise.



## **Homework:**

Reading – please endeavour to listen to your child read every day and make sure that an adult signs their reading record. Continue to practise level 3 and level 5 phonics sounds.

Spellings – short practice every day.