

EYFS SPRING 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Spring 1 Topic – Wish You Were Here



Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Christmas break! We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of learning opportunities linked to our topic 'Wish You Were Here'.

Term Dates: Tuesday 5th January to Friday 13th February.

Email Mrs Downey on: reception1@stveronicas.co.uk for any further information.

Don't forget: Please continue to work on letter and number formation with your child at home.

Please carry on reading with your child as much as possible and don't forget to sign the reading diary and complete 1 topic homework activity a week.

Please ensure your child brings a named hat and gloves to school each day during winter.

PE this term will take place on Friday afternoon, please remember to remove all jewellery and please can children wear socks rather than tights. The children will be swimming on w/c 26th January and 2nd February. On Wednesday 7th January the children will be going on a local walk, please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term the children will learn lots of new vocabulary linked to the topic. The children will be encouraged to use this vocabulary in the different themed role play areas. The children will also take part in role-playing the story of the Epiphany and Chinese New Year.

The children will be encouraged to share their ideas, ask questions and respond to what others say. Children will be supported to speak in full sentences and to use the correct tense when talking.

Please continue to send in your children's 'star moments' so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school follows the Coram Life Education scheme.

Our topic this half term is: keeping Myself Safe.

The children will learn about what is safe to go onto their bodies and into their bodies (medicines) as well as staying safe indoor/outdoor and online and the different people who help to keep them safe.

We will also look at keeping safe and the importance of staying with your grown up when you are out and about, we will talk about stranger danger and road safety.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E this half term the children will focus on the fundamental skills - rolling, walking, running, skipping, crawling jumping, hopping and climbing linked to the theme of the seaside.

In other areas of physical development, we will continue to work on our gross motor skills using a large ball to kick, pass and catch and our fine motor skills including holding a pencil in a tripod grip, forming our letters correctly and developing our cutting skills.

RE

In our RE sessions, we will be learning about Epiphany and how the wise men followed the star which lead them to baby Jesus. The children will learn that when Jesus was an adult he travelled with his friends, teaching people how to love God and care for one another. They will learn that Jesus lived in Galilee and travelled to Jerusalem, through simple Bible stories they will explore how Jesus showed kindness, friendship, and love to everyone.

LITERACY

The children will be exploring different text such as 'The Naughty Bus' and 'Poles Apart'. The children will be drawing and labelling a map, writing postcards and writing in full sentences facts that they have learnt about the different places we will explore through our topic. The children will continue to learn to form their lowercase and capital letters correctly. Children will use their phonic knowledge to read and write simple words, captions and sentences.

MATHS

The children will be learning to subitise within 5 by focusing on die patterns, they will match numerals to quantities within 5. The children will be counting with a focus on ordinality and the 'staircase' pattern as well as learning that each number is one more than the previous number. The children will focus on 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' as well as comparing sets and using the language of comparison: more than, fewer than and an equal number to.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will learn to compare and contrast different parts of the world (Helmshore, London, Spain, China and the Polar Regions). The children will follow a route around the local area and create their own maps as well as looking at how the local area has changed. When exploring London, the children will learn about the King and the Royal Family and when visiting Spain, they will explore the weather and food. When learning about China the children will find out all about the festival of Chinese New Year. Children will look at how ice melts and making predictions when exploring the Polar Regions.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The school follows the Charanga scheme of work and the topic this half term is – Everyone! The children will be learning to sing and play instruments to nursery rhymes and action songs. They will be listening and responding to different styles of music and share and perform what they have learnt. The children will also sing and perform the National Anthem when looking at London, paint a portrait of the King and design a new crown for him. The children will make 3D maps using a variety of construction materials.