



Welcome to Year 1



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This term we are continuing our topic of 'Paddington meets Royalty!'. Paddington is going on a long journey around the UK and this will help us to learn about the different UK countries and their features. We will also be looking at the new plants that are growing in Spring.

If at anytime you need to speak to us, we will be available in the playground after school or you can use our emails as listed above.

Please remember to access tapestry to see our amazing learning!

PE Days:

Please ensure your child **comes to school dressed for outdoor PE on the correct day**. Please make sure they are wearing layers and have a water-proof coat for rainy days.

Thursday & Friday

Reading at home:

We expect all of the children to read for 10 minutes every day at home. Please write a comment or date and sign their reading diary to let us know that they have read. Your child will be given a reading book on a Monday for the week. They must remember to bring it to school every day. We will collect all books in on a Friday morning and will issue a new book every Monday.

Phonics

In June the children will all be taking a Phonics Screening Check. This check is a pass or fail, and checks their Phonic ability to decode and blend to read words. Please continue to practice your child's phonics at home, using the assessment sheet that was sent home, and will be updated regularly throughout the terms.

Homework

This term we will be focusing on children reading at home as much as possible. The expectation is that the children read their books every evening. They will continue having weekly Maths homework on a Friday. They will also be bringing home a copy of our Talk for Writing story map so they can continue to practice our new text at home.

Reminders & Considerations

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the school day. They should come to school each day with a waterproof coat. In Year 1 we have our own outdoor area, therefore the children will be outdoors in all weathers.



Paddington meets Royalty!



Year 1

Term **Spring 2**

Subject Focus: **Geography**

Which UK Country should Paddington visit?

Some special events this term:

Stunning Start: A surprise from Paddington!

Motivating Middle: Virtual tour of London!

Explosive End: UK cake tasting afternoon!

Trips and Visitors:

Mr Johnson to help the children plant flowers in the outdoor area.

Values Passport

See your child's Values Passport each month to see how your child could show this month's Value at home. Fill it in and your child will receive one of our Values badges from school. We will then keep the passport until the end of the month and then hand it back ready for the next Value /month!

The value(s) we are learning about this term are:

March— Forgiveness

Love your neighbour challenge:



THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE: GIVE IT AWAY

Is there something that you don't want or need anymore that could be passed on so someone else can benefit from it? Have a sort out of your clothes, toys and books with a grown-up at home, and donate anything you don't need to a charity shop. Someone else will get to enjoy what you have donated, and the charity will raise money for their work at the the same time!

Send a picture of your donation, along with your name and class, to head@standrewspeter.org.uk to claim a sticker for the back cover of your passport. Complete five challenges to get your award!

high aspirations
talent expectations
knowledge

curriculum
skills
community
children
positive role model
heritage

enthusiasm
outstanding progress
friendly purpose

relevant cultural experience
curiosity love of learning
love of literature range

Literacy

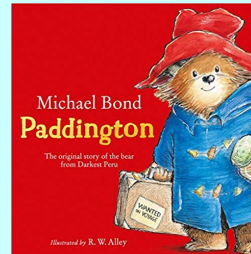
Key Texts: The Flamingo Hotel.

Purpose for writing: Postcard– Recount

Writing: Children will be learning how to write a postcard using the model text: Paddington's postcard from London.

Shared reading: We will then be learning how to make simple predictions based on a text and learn the meaning of new vocabulary using the book: Meerkat Mail

Phonics: This term we will continue teaching Phase 5 phonics, the children will be learning new sounds. Please continue to practice the old and new phonics sounds that the children will be learning, in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check.



Geography

Focus: UK Countries

The children will learn all about the UK and the four countries, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and their capital cities. We will be spending time learning about where the countries are located on a map, and learning about their key characteristics.

Design and Technology

Focus: Structures

We will be making a London Monument to fit with our topic of Paddington Meets Royalty. The children will be working with paper and card to make simple flaps and hinges. They will learn the skills of shaping and joining using simple equipment.

PSHE & Relationships education

Focus: Rights and Responsibilities

Children will learn how to take care of things including: Myself, my money and my environment.

Role Models for this half term:
Malala Yousafzai



PE

Indoor Focus– Yoga

Outdoor focus– Invasion Games

Computing

Focus: Digital Imagery

Photo capture and editing

Music

Focus: Round and Round

Finding pulse, rhythm and pitch different styles of music.

Maths

Key Facts: Count to 20 and know 1 more/1 less of a given number. Doubles and halves to 10. Number bonds to 10.

Number: In Maths we will be learning place value to 50, the children will count forwards and backwards within 50, represent numbers within 50 using tens and ones and compare groups of objects and numbers within 50.

Measurement: We will be learning about weight and volume, the children will use key vocabulary and use practical resources to measure and compare weight and volume.

Length and Height: We will be learning how to measure the length and height of objects using a ruler, and objects.

(Please see our **Calculation Progression** document on our website for operation strategies.)

Science

Focus: Biology—Plants, flowers and seasonal change

The children will be able to identify and name a variety of common and wild garden plants.

Working Scientifically:

The children will be building on their observational skills and will learn to ask scientific questions. They will also be able to carry out a simple test and record their findings.

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Focus: Christianity

Why does Easter matter?

