# Spring 1 Newsletter

# **ENGLISH**

This half term, we will be writing our own version of the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will write our own questions using a question mark and start to include the conjunction 'and' into our sentences. In preparation for our exciting trip to Chester Zoo, we will think about some of the animals we might see there and create some of our own riddles to solve about different animals. Finally, once we have returned from our trip, we will be writing a recount about what we saw including some past tense verbs and making sure our letters are sitting on the lines.

#### RE

This half term, we are learning about the Sikh religion. We will look at Sikh beliefs and explain the significance of the Gurus and the Holy Book in the lives of a Sikh children. We will also share and explain the importance of identifying with and belonging to a faith.

# GEOGRAPHY

In geography, will be asking, 'Where in the world do people live?' We will be looking at how people live in beach, city, desert, and rainforest locations around the world, describing the climate and their urban and rural features. We will end our topic by role-playing visits to these locations.

# PSHE

Our next jigsaw piece is all about **Dreams and Goals**. We will set our own manageable goals, think about the challenges that might come our way and how we can overcome them. We will also discuss how we will feel when we achieve our goals.

# Mr Jones

#### MUSIC

In music this half term, we will look at the song *"In The Groove"* by Joanna Mangona. We will look at the different genres of music that are incorporated in the song and we will use a range of instruments to play along with the beat.



#### ART

We will learn about primary colours and how to mix them to create different secondary colours. We will also explore how to make lighter and darker shades. We will then create our own artwork using inspiration from the famous artist, **Kandinsky**.



Miss Stokes

#### SCIENCE

We will be investigating the different animals that live in **Polar Regions**. We will look at what we can do to keep ourselves warm, which animals who live in polar climates might do and discover what herbivores and carnivores are and how they differ.

# MATHS

This half term we will be consolidating our reading and writing of numbers from 0-50. This will help us to solve some real-life addition and subtraction maths stories. We will be looking once again at 2D shapes but in an irregular format. Children will find the number of sides and corners of these irregular 2D shapes.

We will be getting our rulers out and will continue to measure a variety of lines using 15 and 30 cm rulers, as well a comparing lengths and heights of different objects.

Finally, we will be looking at how we measure different volumes of liquids using millilitres and litres and ordering them from largest to smallest.

# COMPUTING

This half term we are talking our artistic skills to the next level by using software to create our own digital art pieces inspired by famous artists such as: Rothko, Kandinsky, Picasso, Matisse, Opie and Mondrian. We hope to create a beautiful digital gallery of our work!

# **INFORMATION**

Our PE day is **Wednesday** and the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. Please remember to remove all jewellery on PE day.

Reading books will be changed regularly so please make sure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.

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