



YEAR 1 TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2021

Paddington's Party (5 weeks)

During this topic, the children will be immersed in the story of Paddington. When the children arrive at school on Monday morning, they will be given a bus ticket, we will then use our imagination, videos, maps and pictures to enjoy our very own bus tour around the city of London. This will lead into our focus for literacy, where they will be learning facts about famous landmarks in London and writing character descriptions about Paddington and the Brown family. In Maths, we will be continuing to learn how to subtract numbers to 10, before moving onto place value to up 20 and learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes. In Geography, the children will be learning about the United Kingdom, the countries within it and their capital cities. We will also learn about significant people and key historical events, which have happened in London, including Guy Fawke's Gunpowder Plot, the Royal Family and Remembrance Day. Please see our key knowledge fact sheet included in this email.



At the end of the topic, the children will share their stories and other learning with the other children in their class at a tea party. **On this day, we invite your child to come into school dressed up in party clothes.**

Tea Party: Thursday 24th November 2022

Home Learning Activity

There are many activities you could do to support our topic at home, below are a few ideas to get you started:

- You could visit your local library and see what Paddington stories they have for you to share together. You could take pictures of your child enjoying the stories and encourage them to write sentences about which stories they liked and why.
- You could encourage your child to draw, paint or make with playdough their favourite character from Paddington.
- Paddington loves marmalade sandwiches! You could assist your child to make their favourite sandwich. Take pictures and encourage them to write sentences about what they have made and why.

We look forward to seeing your fantastic home learning. Each child will be able to share their home learning with the class and receive a certificate!

Please can you send in any home learning at the latest by **Thursday 24th November 2022**.

P.E. – Gymnastics, Dance, Games

This term, in PE, we will be improving our dance skills. In Outdoor Games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE', which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements, and it focuses on the development of agility, balance and coordination and cooperative learning.

Squirrels: PE- Monday Outdoor Games: Wednesday

Badgers: PE - Wednesday Outdoor Games: Monday

Hedgehogs: PE- Thursday Outdoor Games: Wednesday

Rabbits: PE- Tuesday Outdoor Games: Monday



Your child's PE bag will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. Please ensure that a full kit is provided, including shorts for gymnastics and dance and long tracksuit bottoms for when the children complete games outside. Any earrings must be removed on PE/Outdoor Games days and long hair must always be tied back.

P.S.H.E. and RE

This half term the focus for our PSHE lessons will be 'Celebrating Differences'. These sessions will be taught in whole class sessions, circle times and assemblies. RE will also be taught weekly and in this, the children will continue to learn about Christianity and the Christmas story.

Focus Author

This half term, our focus author is Michael Bond, the author of Paddington Bear's adventure stories. Please read books by Michael Bond and discuss the adventures that Paddington has.



Calendar Dates

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – Non-school uniform

Thursday 24th November – Non-uniform (party clothes day) and home learning due date

Friday 2nd December – Christmas fair at CHJS

Thursday 8th December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Monday 12th December – SQ and RB Christmas Performance

Tuesday 13th December – BG and HH Christmas Performance

Friday 16th December – Party day

(A letter will be sent home with any additional dates/times nearer the time)

*If you have any questions about your child's learning journey, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Many thanks for your continued support.*

Miss Snow, Miss Laws, Mrs Watson, Mrs Cole and Miss Excell