

Year 1&2 Newsletter Autumn Term

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Autumn Term 2016, please enjoy reading this overview. If you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on this topic, we would love for you to share them with us.

This term Class 2 will become experts in the weather ... let's see if they can forecast as well as those on television! You will see in this overview of the term's work, watching the forecast at home and talking about the maps they see will help our learning in the classroom and help encourage independence when selecting the right clothes for the temperature of the day.

Through a series of lively activities such as creating and filming their own weather forecasts or making their own weather station, the children will build knowledge of seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. They will also begin to understand the hot and cold areas of the world as well as developing locational knowledge and early geographical skills.

We will explore aspects of weather, learn about extreme weather conditions around the world and look at homes adapted to different climates around the world. Using globes and maps will help us to identify features such as the equator, compass points, locate the world's seven continents, begin to understand that climates vary in different parts of the world and find locations in the UK and worldwide. Talking about places as you travel or in relation to where friends and family or events happen would be very helpful.

In addition, we will observe the seasonal changes which so obviously take place during this term and discuss seasonal weather patterns to understand the causes of these patterns. Famous artworks will help create collages, drawings and paintings to represent weather patterns visually. Research and testing of materials will help create a storm-resistant den and a flood-resistant house.

Literacy will underpin much of our project work and the children will work on poetry and chants to develop performance speaking and collaboration. But the topic will help the children to become familiar with non-fiction texts through creating a travel agency, travel brochures and passport travel stamps.

In Numeracy the children will be learning and extending their knowledge in number and place value, addition and subtraction, fractions, measurement and statistics. Though we secretly hope there will not be too much rainfall to measure!

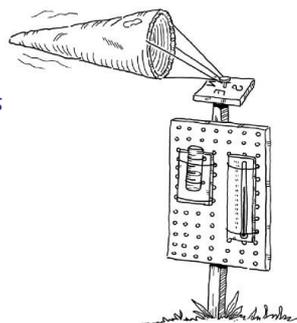
In PE we will be concentrating on dance to fit in with our project and MSP sports providers will be undertaking outdoor activities. As always we will consider the value that exercise and healthy eating has on our bodies.

Kind regards, Mrs Haynes

Messages:

As we intend to make simple weather measuring instruments which contribute to a class weather station and weather chart, any large plastic bottles would be well received.

Thank you.



Useful Notes:

- Homework goes out on a Friday and is due back in school on Wednesday.
- Please keep a PE kit in school all week. PE sessions are on Wednesday and Monday/Friday, but other sessions may arise as linked with the project or extra opportunities.
- We hope you can find opportunities to read as much as possible across the week.

