



Kirklevington Primary School
Birch Newsletter Spring Term 2021

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the best for 2021. We hope you are all safe and well and are managing with the situation that we have found ourselves in once again.

Our topics for this term are:
'Fire! Fire!' and 'Magical Creatures'

Throughout the first part of the term, we will be looking closely at 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will be learning about London in the past and present, as well as looking into the significant effects of the fire. During this period, the children will also have the opportunity to explore timelines and learn about Samuel Pepys' life.

After half term, we will begin our 'Magical Creatures' topic. The children will be discovering fairy tales and the mystical creatures that lie within the stories. They will be given the chance to create their very own magic potions and fairy tale characters.

English

To begin our English lessons this term, we will be writing recounts and letters and exploring non-fiction texts around our 'Great Fire of London' topic. The children will be writing their own instructions about what to do if the fire alarm goes off and creating fire safety posters. Additionally, we will be writing our own narratives.

After half term, we will begin our 'Magical Creatures' topic and focus on adapting current fairy tales as well as creating our own. The children will be learning about story structure, the features of fairy tales and learning how to write descriptively.

In phonics, the children will continue to work within phase 4 and 5. They will be learning how to segment and blend polysyllabic and compound words and how to select the best sound choices when spelling words.

Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be learning to use the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning about multiplication as repeated addition and how to represent multiplications as an array. Division will be learnt initially through sharing and then through learning of multiplication and division facts. We will be using and applying our new skills through problem solving. The children will also be learning how to tell the time and looking closely at fractions and money. Throughout the term we will be continuously working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children will be given a login to Times Table Rockstars and this will be a great place for them to practise their skills.

Science

The focus during the first half term in Science will be seasons and weather. We will also be touching on light and dark. The children will have the opportunity to enquire and ask scientific questions as well as observe and experiment with shadows and light. In the second half term, we will be looking at plants and animals.

Home Learning

Although some of our class will be working from home for this half-term, we are committed to ensuring that work provided for home learning mirrors the work taught in the classroom, as much as possible. We understand that everyone's situation is different and appreciate that it is difficult to complete all tasks that are sent home, especially when parents are working, and the children are not always as eager to do their work from home. Obviously, the more engagement the children can have with their online learning, the better, but please don't worry and just do what you can.

A member of staff will be checking Seesaw regularly between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm, so if you do need any help or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch by sending us a note on Seesaw or by telephoning the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please stay safe!

Mrs Ridley

