



Kirklevington Primary School
Chestnut 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 exploring non-fiction texts around our 'Great Fire of London' topic. The children will be creating their own non-fiction piece of writing that will inform readers about fires and how they start. Additionally, we will be writing our own narratives based around firefighters.

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 also be looking at writing for humour and how this is used within stories. Within our reading sessions, we will be looking closely at narrative features, making predictions and drawing inferences from the text 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We will be analysing specific vocabulary and looking at a range of grammar and punctuation elements to help us to enhance our writing skills.

Maths

Our Maths lessons continue with a focus around the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as problem solving. The children will be exploring and measuring time by looking at o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to, as well as 5 minute and minute intervals, this will be differentiated across the year groups. Additionally, the children will be finding fractions of a number and

Science

The focus during the first half term in Science will be light and dark. We will discuss how reflections are created and have a close look at the spectrum of light and colour. 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 rocks and materials. We will be looking at a range of properties of materials as well as fossils and soil.

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!

Miss Warren

