

# Year One Spring Term

## Curriculum

This term our topic is Polar Regions. We will be look at famous polar explorers including Shackleton and Amundsen and the great sled race of Nome, Alaska. We will learn about the seven continents and five oceans and investigate the location of hot and cold areas of the world. In history, we explore how polar exploration opened up the world in Edwardian Times and use a range of stories, photographs and other sources to ask and answer questions about life in the past.

In science, we will be grouping and sorting animals and looking at their life cycles and habitats. We will plant seeds and observe growth as well as continuing to observe seasonal changes.

Our focus in art will be using pastels and charcoal to draw and blend lines and learning how to create different textures by rubbing, shading, hatching, and applying varying pressure. In addition, we will be exploring the works of Van Gogh and the way he painted seasonal flowers.

## PE

Year One will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. This term, we will enjoy a workout with Stelissa on Thursday and continue to practise various skills through our Real PE scheme of work on Tuesday.

## School Day

Just a quick reminder that the gate for KS1 opens at 8.40am. The register will close at 8.50am and lessons start promptly. If children arrive late then they will be missing their phonics/spelling lesson, which takes place at the start of each day.

## Support at home

As we've said before, the best way to support at home is by reading with your child. We teach your children the skills needed to become an effective reader but welcome your support in hearing them and allowing them regular practise. Our Essential Letters and Sounds phonics programme continues in school and we will be asking you to help consolidate by practising all of the new graphemes at home. Watch out for updates on seesaw with ways that you can help.

## Polite reminder

Now that the children have settled in to Year 1, please can we ask that parents and carers say goodbye to the children at the top of the playground and let them walk across the playground, independently into school. Any urgent messages that need to be passed on should go via the office as the year 1 team will start teaching promptly from 8.50.

Thank you.