

Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2 2021

Welcome back from the half term holidays. We are very sad that we can't all be learning in school together just yet; however, can't wait to have you all back in school very soon. In the meantime, we are here if you have any questions or need anything: birch@akroydon.trinitymat.org. For those learning at home, please continue to send us some photographs of your work, so we can see how you are getting on.

LITERACY

This term will begin by focusing on poetry linked to the senses. We will be reading the book 'The Night Box' by Louise Greig to inspire our writing. In this unit, we will internalise a poem called 'In the Day' and then innovate our own poems linked to the senses. This half term we will also be reading a text called 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlett. Inspired by this story, we will be planning and writing our own fantasy stories. We will continue to focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write grammatically accurate sentences that make sense.

Key vocabulary:

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| Capital letter | Fantasy story |
| Finger spaces | Poetry |
| Full stop | Senses |
| Adjectives | Verse |

Mathematics

At the start of the term, we will continue looking at place value of numbers within 50, including counting in 2s and 5s. Next, we will move on to two measurement topics - initially, length and height and then weight and volume. We will investigate these practically and any further work with this at home would be most appreciated.

Mathletics - your child will be set weekly tasks on Mathletics.

They are also encouraged to access Numbots for more number practise and TT Rockstars for times tables practise. Log ins for Mathletics, Numbots and TT Rockstars should be in your child's planner - let us know if you need them.

Key vocabulary:

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| Length | height | weight | volume |
| capacity | longer | shorter | heavier |
| lighter | | | |



Phonics

In phonics, we will continue practising our sounds making sure we can read them speedily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and will be segmenting sounds to spell words. We will be focusing on revising all of the Set 2 and 3 sounds.

Here you will find daily videos for phonics lessons:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ

SCIENCE

Our topic for Science, this half term, will be Polar Regions and Seasonal Changes. We will begin by being Polar explorers, deciding and testing what equipment we will need to visit the region. We will explore Polar animals and what features they have to help them live in the Polar climate. Then we will move on to looking at the weather in different seasons and conduct scientific tests measuring rainfall and wind direction.

Key vocabulary:

carnivore, herbivore, omnivore,
camouflaged, flexible,
waterproof
experiments, planning,
observing, recording,
results





Other Curriculum Areas

Geography - This term, our topic is Wonderful Weather. We will be learning about the months of the year and the four seasons. We will explore different types of weather, think about how weather can affect jobs and also consider weather around the world.

PE - This term, we will be developing our skills in hockey.

PSHE - In PSHE, we will be learning about how to use the internet and why people use it, that everyone has different strengths and about different jobs in the community.

Computing - In Computing, we will be looking at how we can use the web to find images.

Religious Education - In RE, we will be thinking about the question 'Which books and stories are special? We will look at stories from the Bible and the Qu'ran.

The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Monday morning**.
Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be brought to school every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be brought back to school the following Monday. Topic homework is available on Teams and spellings will be sent out weekly.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>
E-safety link:
<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

IMPORTANT DATES

w/c 22/02/21 - Fairtrade fortnight

From 08.03.21 - School open for all children

04/03/21 - World Book Day

01/04/21 - School closes for Easter holidays

26/27/28.04.21 - Parents' Evenings

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Year 1 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and a 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge.