



Blossom/Clover/Lotus KS1 Classes : Spring 1 Newsletter



What will we be learning this half term?

English

This half term we are writing a story based on 'The Marvellous, Fluffy, Squishy Itty-Bitty' by Beatrice Alemagna and thinking about how we can show love and care. We will also be writing a poem called 'If I were in Charge of the School'.

Phonics/Spellings

Year 1 are continuing to learn alternative graphemes for different phonemes this half term.

Year 2 are carrying on with their daily spelling lessons. This half term they are learning why some words are spelt with kn, gn and wr; why we drop the 'e' when adding some suffixes and why /j/ can be spelt in different ways.

Mathematics

This half term Year 1 are representing, comparing and ordering numbers to 20. Year 2 are learning all about money, before moving on to multiplication and division.

The KS1 Team Recommended Reads

For a shorter read - A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young by Michael Rosen

For a longer read - Spider McDrew by Alan Durant

Science and Foundation Subjects

This half term in Science we are going to be continuing our learning all about plants and animals, thinking about habitats and how climate affects living things. We are also looking out for signs of winter and spring outside. In Geography, we will be learning about the seven continents and five oceans, as well as where the hot and cold areas of the world are. In Computing, we are starting to explore programming using BeeBots.

Upcoming dates

- 20th January: Neurodiversity cafe
- 28th January: Neurodiversity cafe
- 29th, 30th, 31st January: Book Looks
- w/c 3rd February: **Online** parent meetings
- 11th February: Internet Safety Day

General notices

- Please ensure your child has a named coat and wellies in school.
- Please ensure that children bring their reading record and reading book in daily. Reading books are changed on a Friday. Remember that your child should be reading their book 3 times at home to build their fluency.
- A gentle reminder not to have keyrings or toys in school please - it can be a distraction to learning and can be upsetting for children if they get lost.



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You can support our learning even further...

Test us on...

The continents: can you remember the 7 continents? Can you name any countries in any of the continents?

You can use this song to help you remember!

[Seven Continents Song](#)

Ask us to explain...

What are the number bonds to twenty?

Two numbers that add to make twenty, e.g. $17 + 3$

How many ways can you make £1 using different coins?

Question us about...

What are the **adjectives** in the following sentences?

The excited child looked up at the shimmering stars.

A fluffy cat tiptoed across the scorching pavement.

An adjective is a word that describes a person, place or thing.

See if we can remember...

Can you read and write this sentence from our phonics?

Sentence for writing

A feather from the bird fell to
the ground.