

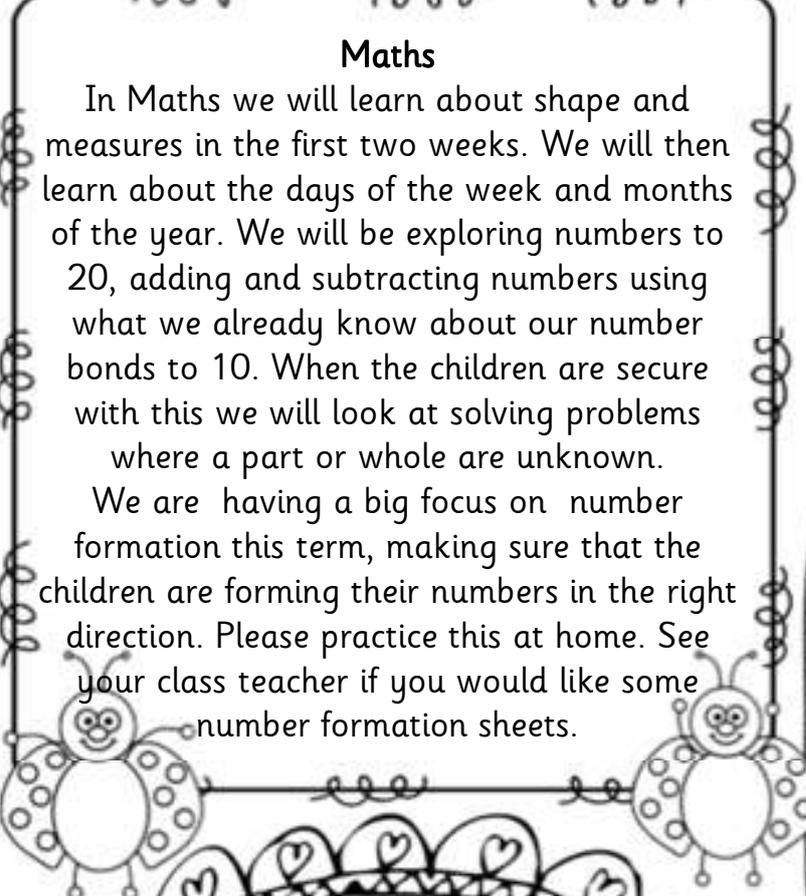
Year 1 Newsletter Spring 1



Maths

In Maths we will learn about shape and measures in the first two weeks. We will then learn about the days of the week and months of the year. We will be exploring numbers to 20, adding and subtracting numbers using what we already know about our number bonds to 10. When the children are secure with this we will look at solving problems where a part or whole are unknown.

We are having a big focus on number formation this term, making sure that the children are forming their numbers in the right direction. Please practice this at home. See your class teacher if you would like some number formation sheets.

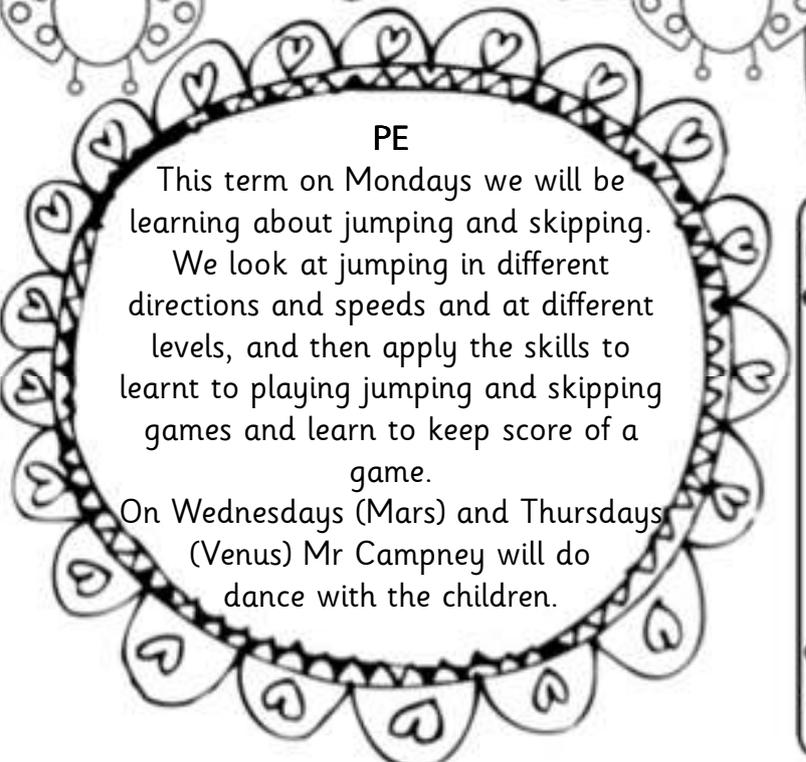


PE

This term on Mondays we will be learning about jumping and skipping.

We look at jumping in different directions and speeds and at different levels, and then apply the skills to learnt to playing jumping and skipping games and learn to keep score of a game.

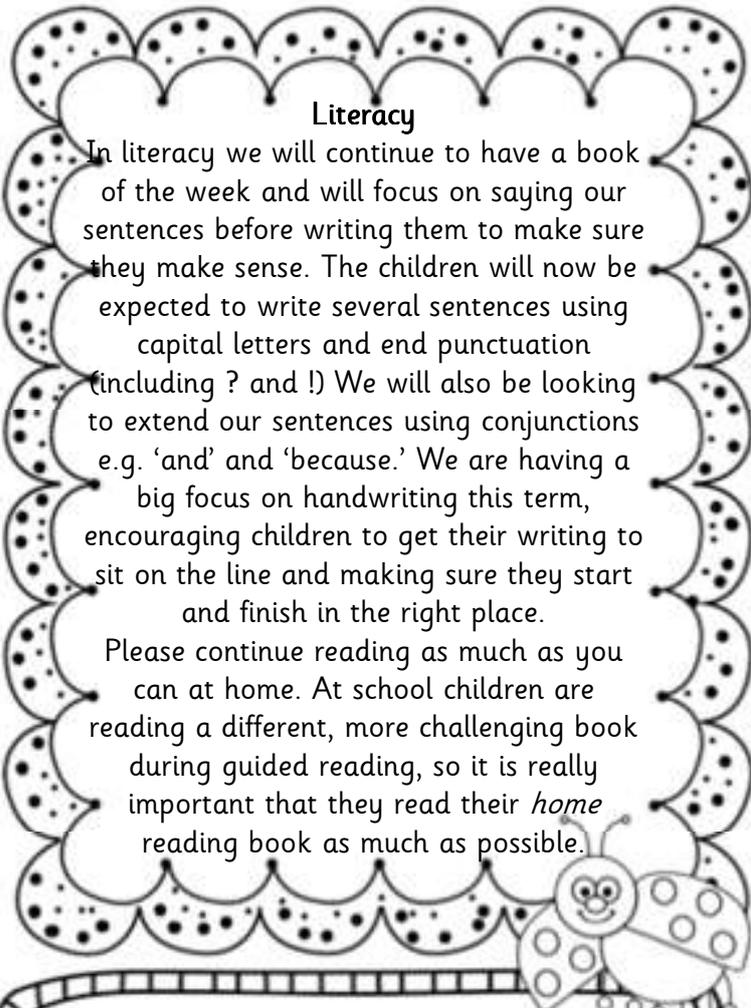
On Wednesdays (Mars) and Thursdays (Venus) Mr Campney will do dance with the children.



Literacy

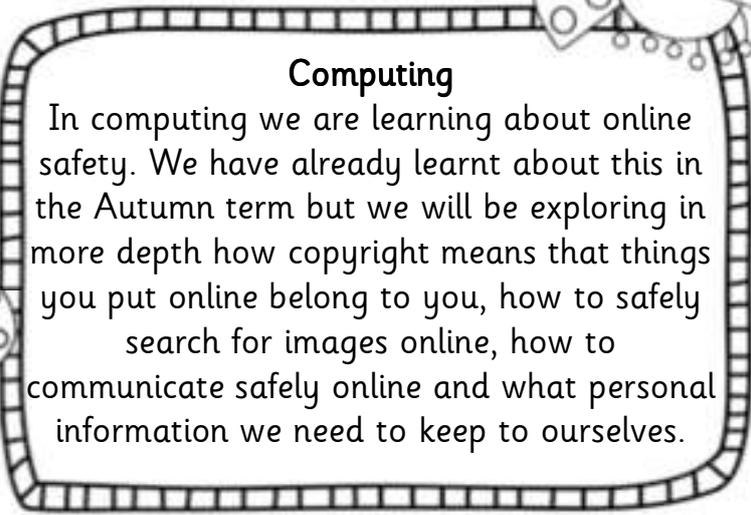
In literacy we will continue to have a book of the week and will focus on saying our sentences before writing them to make sure they make sense. The children will now be expected to write several sentences using capital letters and end punctuation (including ? and !) We will also be looking to extend our sentences using conjunctions e.g. 'and' and 'because.' We are having a big focus on handwriting this term, encouraging children to get their writing to sit on the line and making sure they start and finish in the right place.

Please continue reading as much as you can at home. At school children are reading a different, more challenging book during guided reading, so it is really important that they read their *home* reading book as much as possible.



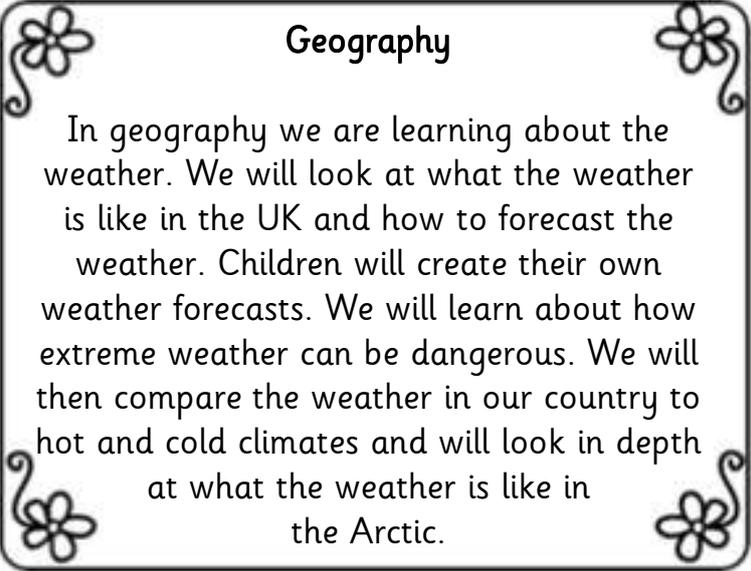
Computing

In computing we are learning about online safety. We have already learnt about this in the Autumn term but we will be exploring in more depth how copyright means that things you put online belong to you, how to safely search for images online, how to communicate safely online and what personal information we need to keep to ourselves.



Geography

In geography we are learning about the weather. We will look at what the weather is like in the UK and how to forecast the weather. Children will create their own weather forecasts. We will learn about how extreme weather can be dangerous. We will then compare the weather in our country to hot and cold climates and will look in depth at what the weather is like in the Arctic.



PSHE

Our topic in PSHE is 'Dreams and Goals.' We will be thinking about what we are good at and how we can be successful. We will learn about obstacles we might face and who or what can help us overcome these. We will also set ourselves goals for the future.

RE

Our topic in RE is *Belonging*. We will be learning about how Christians welcome babies to their faith and comparing and contrasting this with other religions. We will also be looking at the first baptism of Jesus. We will then look at how Christians get married and again compare this to other religions. We will visit St Mary's Church and will be encouraging the children to think of thoughtful and relevant questions to ask Father Andrew. We will have a look at the features of the Christian place of worship.

Music

In music we will be exploring sounds through weather. We will use our voices and musical instruments to explore different ways that music can be used to describe weather. This will link to our Geography topic.

We will then move onto exploring pitch and learning songs about the seasons. This will link to our science topic about the seasons

Science

In science we will finish learning about materials in the first part of the term. We will use develop our 'working scientifically' skills by carrying out an experiment with magnets, and then testing out which materials would make the best umbrella for a teddy bear.

We will then move onto learning about the four seasons. We look at what the weather is like in each season which will link to what we have learnt in geography. We will learn about the changes which occur between each season and observe and discuss how day length changes.

Art

In art we will be reading *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. The story is about a girl who gets frustrated in art class because she thinks she can't draw. She begins a journey to discover that you can make beautiful artwork using just dots. We will then create various pieces of artwork using 'dots.' We will link this to the artist Wassily Kandisky and will continue exploring colour mixing and pattern.

Dairy Dates/ Updates

Please see Miss Edey's newsletter for dates for this term.

We will be visiting St Mary's church as part of our RE lessons and will inform parents shortly of the date. We would welcome any helpers who can help us walk to church and back to school.