



Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Spring 2024

Second Half Term, Week 10 and 11

Splendid Skies

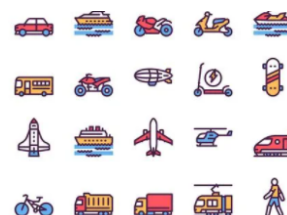
Week 10 and 11 Express

At the 'Express' stage, children will become performers, experts and informers, share their achievements with each other, evaluate finished products and processes, link what they have learnt to where they started and celebrate their achievements!

Express Geography



The 'express' stage of our curriculum will be linked to international Week! The children will discuss the different types of weather in the countries that they visit, they will write postcards to each other explaining what the weather has been like, act out weather reports and recite weather poetry to the class. We will be 'travelling' to classes across the three year groups to learn about different countries. Each class will represent a different country, the children will learn about all three Year 1 countries, one Year 2 country and one Reception country. When the children visit the other classes, they will need to decide what will be the best mode of transport to take and then pretend to be using that transport as they move to that classroom. We will also be creating passports in school that the children will need to take on their travels.




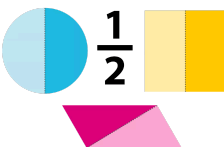
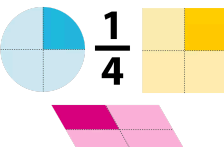

For music we will recap the *Geography Song* that we learned a few weeks ago. We will also be learning traditional music from the countries that we travel to. On Thursday the 28th of March children are welcome to come to school dressed in clothing that represents their culture, they are also welcome to come in their school uniform or mufti.




English



The children will be writing their own version of the weather poem we began exploring last week. They will use a range of creative writing strategies for this, like; nouns, adverbs and adjectives. They have chosen their own flower and are describing how this flower moves and grows in different weather types. The children will also be continuing their English learning across the school provision during International Week by discovering different languages, songs and stories from the countries of children in their class.

Please continue to read with your child every night, as developing a love of literature is so powerful for children. Reading can include their school reading books, books from the Bug Club and bedtime stories.

<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This week we have explored the fraction 'half'. We halved shapes and explained what half means: when something is divided/shared into two equal parts. Next week we will continue to explore fractions. We will learn how to find a quarter of a shape.</p> <p>We are also going to explore the fraction 'quarter'. We halved shapes, and then explored halving them again into quarters. We will explain what quarter means: when something is divided/shared into four equal parts.</p>	 
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>As part of International Week the children will be learning traditional dances from the countries that they visit. We will also continue our weekly laps around the playground.</p> <p>The children challenge themselves to run further than they did the previous week.</p>	

<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>We will be recapping the Easter story and talk about why and how Christians celebrate Easter.</p>	
<p>Relationship and Health Education (R.H.E.)</p> 	<p>In R.H.E. we will be talking about being respectful and polite when learning about other countries and cultures. Remembering to show good listening and enjoy celebrating our multicultural world!</p>	
<p>Wanted!</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has a transparent, named water bottle at school every day. Having a transparent water bottle helps us to monitor your child's water intake.</p>	

<p>Dates for the term</p> 	<p>Thursday, 28th March: Last day of Term, school will end at 13:30 Tuesday 16th April-First day of Summer Term Planting Together Sessions, more information to follow:</p> <p>Monday 29th April- 10:15-11:15am Monday 29th April 2:00-3:00pm Tuesday 30th April 9:15-10:15am Tuesday 30th April 2:00-3:00pm</p> <p>Thursday 2nd May-School will be closed as it will be used as a polling station for elections</p>
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Learning at home

[Below home learning activities for you to complete throughout this half term.](#)

Below are some optional Splendid Skies home learning ideas that you might want to try this half term:

- Learn how to fly a kite, asking an adult to help you.
- Visit your local library to look for stories about the weather. Which is your favourite?
- Go out on a rainy day to find the biggest, widest and deepest puddle!
- Make a weather chart and keep a record of the weather every day.
- Learn how to spell weather words such as rain, wind, snow, sun, storm, wet, dry, hot and cold.
- Go on a walk, taking photographs of signs of the season, such as buds, new leaves or leaves falling from the trees.
- Collect rainwater in a container. How much can you collect in a week?



- Show an adult how to make a shadow with a torch.
- Make a mini book containing pictures of yourself wearing outfits suitable for each season or weather type.
- Take your teddy with you on holiday or a day out. Write about where your teddy went, what they did and what the weather was like.

Thank you,
The Year 1 Team