



## Spring Update for Key Stage 1

The children in Key stage 1 have made a fantastic start to the Spring term and in this update we would like to share with you some of the exciting learning and activities that we have been involved in this term and what we are looking forward to!

### What have we been learning in Spring 1?

#### In Spring 1 we were

- Reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, focusing on finding information and surmising from the text.
- Writing texts include explanations and stories from other cultures. The focus for writing was to use a varied sentence structure and descriptive vocabulary in order to interest the reader.
- Continuing to develop our knowledge of number, place value and written methods for all four operations.
- In topic we focused on living things and habitats. Children explored and compared the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.
- Identifying that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and described how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.
- Children explored and identified a variety of animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.
- Taught a wide range of art and design techniques, using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
- Using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and playing instruments musically.

### What are we looking forward to?

#### In Spring 2 we are looking forward to

- Reading and writing traditional tales, different stories by the same author and poetry.
- Number – continue learning to count forwards and backwards in 1's, 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.
- Problem solving involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.
- Finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.
- Finding out about and describing the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).
- Describing the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.
- Exploring the questions "Why are different books special for different people?" and "Why is a church a special building for Christians?" and this will include a visit to the local church.

**Thank you very much for your continued support!**

**The Key Stage 1 team**

