



New City Primary School

This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

Year group: 1 Spring Term 2017

<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Science</u>
During this term we will be developing our mathematical skills using numerical reasoning. We will be developing our understanding of place value and fractions, as well as using our mental mathematics strategies to carry out addition and subtraction sums.	Year One will be focusing on a range of texts including <i>Going on a Bear Hunt</i> to develop our reading and writing. Every week we will be writing stories developing our literacy skills of spelling, punctuation and grammar.	In the first half of the spring term we will be investigating materials. We will be using a range of skills to develop our understanding of how to classify materials and investigate what materials float. In the second half of the spring term we will be looking at plants and seasonal change. Children will have an opportunity to plant seeds and observe their growth over time.
<u>Art/DT/Geography/History/Music</u>		
In the first half of the term children will be using their historical skills to understand the history of the local area. This will include comparing how the area has changed over time. In the second half of the term, the pupils will be developing their familiarity with maps. They will explore the purpose and content of maps at a variety of scales. Using atlases and Google Earth, they will locate England and the British Isles. They will also locate the seven continents and five oceans. Finally, they will identify hot and cold places and analyse the affect temperature has on the people and wildlife that live there. In art and DT children will be developing a sculpture.		
<u>Religious Education</u>	<u>P.E</u>	<u>PSHCE</u>
We are lucky to be living in such a diverse community here in Plaistow. In Religious Education Year 1 will be thinking about their family and friends and what it means to live with them. This unit will introduce children to the importance of having an identity and a family.	In PE children will be developing their hand and eye coordination through hockey and games in the first half of the term. They will develop their team work skills further in the second half of the term playing football.	Children will be exploring what makes them proud identifying their gifts and talents. In the second half of the term they will be exploring how to be respectful to animals and how to look after a pet.
<u>Computing</u>	<u>Homework</u>	<u>Educational Visits</u>
During the first half of the spring term children will have the opportunity to develop their computing skills to create digital illustrations. In the second half of the spring term children will develop their skills of using software including Microsoft PowerPoint.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. We will change children's reading books at least every 2 weeks. Please use the reading record to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows: Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Mathletics (online) Thursday- Counting/Times Tables Friday- Writing	We will be organising our educational visits in the coming term and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.