



# SPLENDID SKIES

## Year 1 Autumn 1 Newsletter

The topic for this half term, in Year One, is **splendid skies**. Here is an overview of some of the learning that will take place. Please check your emails/child's book bags for any exciting learning activities throughout this topic.

### English

- In Year 1 Read, Write, Inc. will continue daily; the children have been regrouped ready for the new school year.
- Your child will have a weekly RWI sound or book to practise at home.
- Your child will have a daily reading session, with access to a reading area, weekly access to the library for independent reading and they will also have regular stories throughout the week.

English within the splendid skies topic will include:

- Describing the weather and different seasons.
- Using their experiences to create sequences of events.
- Using weather poetry to learn about rhythm, pace and rhyming words.

### Science

We will be learning about:

- Seasonal changes.
- Weather conditions in our country and around the world.
- Floating and sinking.
- How to catch a raindrop and measure it.
- Creating sundials.

### Maths

- To name 2D and 3D shapes.
- To know the value of coins.
- To measure using different tools.
- To add in different ways and find pairs of numbers that total a given number to 10.
- Counting forwards and backwards from any given number to 100.
- Adding two numbers, 0-20, together using a variety of methods.
- To subtract from a given number using a variety of methods.

### WOW experiences

- Parents to join us for kite flying/balloon release.
- Visit from a Travel Agent.
- Walk to the woods to look at seasonal changes.



## Key Dates

- Parents evening are on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, from 3pm-6pm.  
Please return your slip as soon as possible to get the time slot you would like.
- Year 1 MacMillan coffee morning is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 9.10am.
- Last day of term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## Topic & P.E.

### P.E.

- MK Dons will be in on Tuesdays for outdoor P.E. this term.
- Wednesdays is indoor PE and will be gymnastics.
- Please check your child's PE bag regularly to make sure they have the correct kit for indoor and outdoor PE.

### Music

- Creating a wind dance in P.E.
- Exploring weather sounds and songs; including making rain sticks.

### Art

- Making seasonal images and weather pictures.
- Creating a seasonal trees and kites.

## R.E. & P.S.H.E

- Our harvest assembly will be on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We will be collecting food parcels for example tins, packets and boxes; then distributing the offering to the local food bank.
- Children will share their learning they have completed in class and sing some of their favourite harvest songs.
- We hope you can join us in our harvest celebrations in the morning.

## Geography

- Naming the four seasons and describing typical weather for each of them.
- Drawing a picture map, labelling particular features.
- Identify similarities/differences between the local environment and one other place.

## Things to do at home

- Visit the Purple Mash website for some wonderful weather activities to do.  
<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mkKentsHill>
- Regularly read any books will help develop your child's reading confidence and increase their vocabulary.
- Encourage your child to write such as;
  - holiday lists
  - weather reports
  - take a photo of you dressed for rain or cold weather – write about it
- Play board games that involve counting, such as snakes and ladders, Ludo, Monopoly and dominos.
- Use playing cards for addition and subtraction number sentences.
- Count forwards and backwards from different numbers.
- Look at money – what is the value of the different coins.