Year 1 Pentecost Term

Welcome back!

In History our topic is 'People and Places of the Past'. This will have a focus on Queen Elizabeth 2nd and more locally, Joseph Hansom and the Hansom Cab. Perhaps you could talk to your child about the life and times of the Queen using

the history Key learning sheet. We will also use this history topic to look at local history so try spotting all the blue plaques around town while you are out and about. We shall look into the history of The Hansom Cab and time permitting, hopefully visit the Atkins



Building to see the Hansom Cab itself.



In English we will be looking at the books: Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, we will be writing character descriptions, retells, advice letters, instructions, factfiles and our own version of the story. Our final text will be The Magic Bed by John Burningham and we will be writing setting descriptions, additional scenes, descriptions of magical furniture and our own fantasy stories.

In ICT we will be using simple coding (Scratch Junior) to create our own algorithms. In Music your children will be introduced to music technology using web-based programmes that they could also use at home like Incredibox https://www.incredibox.com, Launchpad https://intro.novationmusic.com/viral-hiphop and

Ableton https://learningmusic.ableton.com.

In Maths we shall be learning about multiplication and division, fractions, positions and direction, telling the time to the hour and half hour, Money-recognising notes and coins and Place Value to 100. If you can allow your child to look at and handle some real money that would be great. Any help with telling the time using the clocks you have around home would also be helpful.

In RE we will be learning about Holidays and Holy Days (Pentecost), Reconciliation and Sikhism as our other world faiths focus.

In Science we shall be learning about plants, identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. We shall learn about the basic structure of a common flowering plant. We will also be learning and observing the changes during the season Summer.

In Art we are painting our own versions of Piet Mondrian Composition II red, blue, yellow 1930. We shall be learning painting techniques including colour mixing, brush strokes, consistent layers and using a ruler to create horizonal and vertical lines.

In DT we shall be looking at freestanding structures and learning about them. The children will then design and construct a bed, which links in with our book The Magic Bed.

In Geography we shall learn human and physical geography where we compare our local environment to the seaside.

Our project homework for this half term is to create a piece of work linked to our history topic. This can either be linked to Queen Elizabeth 2nd or the Hansom Cab. You can present this however you like, for example, it might be a piece of art, a factfile or a 3D model. This can be bought into school week commencing 12th May

Dates for the Diary:

Week beginning 12th June Phonics Screening for all year 1

Class trip to Conkers-Tuesday 17th June

Year 1 Class COTW- Friday 23rd May

KS1 Sports Day- Thursday 19th May

Visit to the Atkins Building TBC

Visit to the Mead/Leisure Centre with Foundation Stage TBC

Many thanks

Mrs Crowley