



## Year 1 Spring 2 Topic Letter

March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the second half of the Spring Term, we are looking forward to warmer and dryer days which will enable us to make more use of our outdoor environment in our lessons and activities.

Our topic this half-term will be 'Travel and Transport'. We will also be looking at stories from around the world.

	<b>Curriculum covered this half-term</b>	<b>Optional suggestions for home-learning</b>
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Text Focus/ Writing:</b> Story writing and Tales from other countries. We will be linking our geography focus heavily in our English topic throughout this term and look at stories within varying cultural settings.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Ongoing home school reading and guided reading in class.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> We will be reviewing all the sounds learnt so far and sending home spellings linked to the sounds of the week.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b> Correct letter formation in 'Letter Families'</p>	<p>London Transport Museum</p> <p><a href="http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/">http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Addition and Subtraction 2d/3d Shapes 2,5 and 10 Times Tables Problem Solving</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/maths/games/place_the_penguin/big_sound/full.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/maths/games/place_the_penguin/big_sound/full.shtml</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=DartboardRoundingv2">http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=DartboardRoundingv2</a></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Materials and their properties.</p> <p>Seasonal Changes</p>	<p><a href="http://kids.nationalgeographic.co.uk/kids/activities/funscience/green/">http://kids.nationalgeographic.co.uk/kids/activities/funscience/green/</a></p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>To compare the local area to that of a small area in a contrasting non-European country.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/geography.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/geography.shtml</a></p>
<b>ICT</b>	<p>Multi-Media book – Transport</p>	

<b>PE</b>	Ball skills: Throwing and catching. Team games	Please continue to help your child to develop his/her physical skills including dressing independently. It would be helpful if you could focus on doing up and undoing fastenings (including laces if they have them) and turning 'inside-out' garments the right way round.
<b>PSHE:</b>	Personal Growth- To encourage independence and develop problem solving skills	
<b>RE</b>	Stories about Jesus including the Easter story.  Celebrations and Special days: Mother's Day Passover	Visit the local Church
<b>Music</b>	Exploring Pitch	
<b>Art/DT</b>	Using different mediums to create art work inspired by other cultures.	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z8whfg8/resources/1">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z8whfg8/resources/1</a>

Your continued support with the reading and home learning is greatly appreciated. We look forward to another fun filled and exciting half term with the children.

**Dates for your diary:**

World Book Day  
Year 1 Bumble Bees class Assembly  
Science Fest (Green Floor)  
E-Safety workshop

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3.45-5.00pm  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6.30-7.30pm

Please remember to bring in library books each week.

Library

Bumblebees on Tuesdays.  
Dragonflies on Fridays.

Please also remember to let us know if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

With best wishes,

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