



Year 1 – Spring Term 2018 Topic Sheet

Our topic for this term is “Journeys” which will be covered in all areas of the curriculum.

The topic will cover the following:

- thinking for reasons for journeys and planning appropriately
- making and following very simple maps
- learning about differences in transport past and present
- the achievements of Neil Armstrong and George Stephenson
- understanding about forces which make things move

How you can help

At some point your child will bring home ‘Pete the Bear’ and a postcard for ‘him’ to write. If you are making any journeys, please take him with you, encouraging your child to notice features of the journey (i.e. type of transport, places). Any photos of such journeys would make it more interesting.

If you are lucky enough to be planning a holiday or a visit, please involve the children and Pete the Bear as much as possible. Even a visit to the shops, a relative or place of interest - how far, how long will it take, how will we get there, how much will it cost etc. We would be grateful for any old travel brochures, picture post cards of different areas or places of interest, they have visited.

We ask that you continue to hear your child read as often as you can (10 minutes a day is ideal). We will continue to send homework for you and your child to discuss and complete. Homework will be given out on Friday to return by Wednesday.

Additionally, we will be concentrating on handwriting. It is important that all children form their letters correctly and also only use capital letters appropriately i.e. at the beginning of names and sentences. (Children should not write their whole names in capitals). Parents can be of great help in encouraging this when the children are writing at home. We will continue to send home occasional handwriting practice sheets.

In **Mathematics** we will continue to work on improving the children’s mental ability with numbers to 20. We will be reading, writing and counting numbers to 100 and solving simple money problems. It would be very helpful if you would encourage them to learn by heart – pair of numbers which make 10, doubles up to double 10 and the corresponding halves and counting on or back from any 2 digit number.

This half term in **Literacy** we will be learning about traditional stories such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. It would be helpful if you could talk to your children about the stories we have been reading, and encourage them to retell the story in order. After half term we will be reading different poems and writing our own.

If you would like further advice or information on any of these topics please come and see us.

Thank you for your continuing co-operation.