

Class 1

The Bliss Charity School



Term 3



Happy New Year!!

Dear parents/carers,

We are really proud of how well all the children have settled back in to school and, as always, how enthusiastic they are! We would just like to say a big thank you for all your thoughtful gifts and cards before Christmas.

This term, the children in Class 1 have been invited on a trip ... with a very special bear.

Miss Churms and Mrs. Duckmanton



Term 3 Topic: *Paddington's Grand Tour of The United Kingdom*



The children will be travelling by double decker bus (currently parked in Class 1) ... and they will be finding out about England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales along the way.

Geography: The main focus of the term is learning about capital cities, famous landmarks, weather, flags etc. The children will also meet some special visitors who will share their expert knowledge of different places.

Literacy: We will be exploring the Paddington Bear stories by Michael Bond and write about experiences related to the Great Fire of London. We will also look at instruction writing. This will help to enhance the development of phonic, reading and writing skills.

History: One of the stops on the bus tour will be London where the children will find out about our country's famous landmarks and 'The Great Fire of London'.

Art: The children will be designing their own tartan and Loch Ness Monster to link with learning about Scotland. They will explore colour mixing to create different shades for flames.

DT: This will involve the children making marmalade sandwiches and designing their own sandwiches. We will also be constructing Stuart houses which may meet an unfortunate fiery end ...

Science: The children will be looking at seasons and weather patterns in the United Kingdom. Much of this learning will take place outside!

Other subjects ...

Maths: This term we will further cover addition and subtraction, focusing on the tens and ones of numbers.

Music: The children will follow the *Charanga* unit of work called 'Into the Groove'.

RE: The children will be learning about Sikhism.

PE: The children will be developing their coordination and agility in Real PE and participating in some dance sessions.

Helping your child at home ...

Reading: All the children will be given two reading books to take home. One will be a Read Write Inc. Book Bag book, linked to the phonics they are learning at school. The other, will be a coloured banded book that your child has chosen. Please encourage your child to share their books at home and remind them to change their banded reading book when they need a new one. Adults will change their Read Write Inc. book once a week. Please write in your child's reading record every time they read. Once a week, we will check the record and note how many times each child has read. If they read 5 times in a week they will move up the 'bookworm' (displayed in the classroom). When they reach the top of the bookworm (10 weeks) they will be awarded with a sticker in the back of their reading records during celebration assembly.

Please make sure your child's reading book and reading record are kept in their book bag at all times.

Phonics: A weekly phonics sheet will be sent home on a Thursday focusing on sounds we have looked at that week. This is due back in school on the following Thursday.

Maths: Please continue to check *MyMaths* every week. New tasks and activities are put up every Friday and due in the following Friday. You will also start receiving 'counting in' or 'number bond' sheets which the children have completed at school. These can be practised at home, but there is no expectation for the sheets to be returned to school.

Class Scrap Book:

This term, we would like the children to bring in contributions for our 'Class Scrap Book'. The scrap book will be a chance for children to share places they have been to in the United Kingdom or it could just be a place that they would like to go to in the UK. This could be in the form of photos (with a label), pictures or writing. Every child's contribution will be shared with the class and stuck into the class book. If possible, please talk to your child about where the place is so they can help to point it out on a map.

Class 1 information ...

PE days are still on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child has named kit in school. It may also be worth checking that PE shoes still fit! Please can we also have wellies in school for 'Welly Wednesday'?

We are having a Great Fire of London day on Wednesday 26th January. We request that children come to school in costume to fully immerse themselves in their learning. A letter containing further details about this event was sent home just before Christmas (15/12/21), but please feel free to see me if you have any questions.

We are looking for any donations of small, metal toy cars (matchbox style) and dress-able dolls (e.g. Barbie) for our small world/wet play area. If you have any that you wouldn't mind donating then please just pop them in a bag for your child to bring to school. Any help is much appreciated.