

King's Meadow School



KIND MOTIVATED SUCCESSFUL

Spring Term
2023

Curriculum
Newsletter

Year 2
Miss Ryczowski
&
Miss Chevis

Welcome to the Spring Term

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that the children are refreshed and ready to start the new term.

Throughout Terms 3 and 4 the children will be working towards their end of Key Stage 1 Assessments (SATs), which will be carried out during the month of May (Term 5). Please avoid booking a holiday during this time.

Our topic focus for this term is 'Cold'. Within this topic we will be covering these areas:

- **Geography:** The Arctic
- **History:** The Titanic
- **Science:** Living things and their habitats including investigating Global Warming
- **Religious Education:** Is it important to celebrate the New Year?
Is Easter important to the Church?
- **Physical Education:** gymnastics, yoga, underarm throw and dance.
- **Computing:** Research using the Chromebooks and Scratch.
- **Music:** Activities based on Vivaldi's Winter from the Four Seasons and popular music of 1912.

Literacy

Our Literacy will be based on fiction and non-fiction texts with an 'Arctic' theme.

In preparation for the end of Key Stage 1 assessments the children will be doing regular reading comprehension activities.

We strongly encourage daily reading with your child, making time for discussion about their books to ensure that they fully understand the text and are more aware of the meaning behind more complex vocabulary.

There will be an emphasis on spelling, grammar and punctuation. This will be formally tested as part of the KS1 assessments.

Spellings will continue to focus on the common exception words, as well as the spelling patterns linked to the Letters and Sounds programme.

In addition to the end of KS1 assessments, those children who did not achieve the recommended pass mark of 32 out of 40 for the phonics test in Year 1, will undertake the test again in June 2022.

Maths

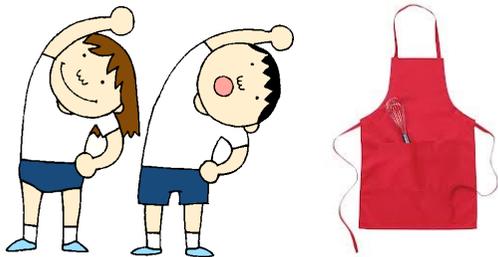
In maths the children will be working on using and applying their knowledge of numbers up to and beyond 100.

The children will be encouraged to develop their mathematical thinking by applying their number skills in problem solving. We will continue to work on:

- Multiplication and division
- Time
- Fractions
- Money

Equipment

- Art apron
- Book bag including Reading Diary and spelling book.
- Our PE days for Terms 3 will be Monday and Friday.
- **Please ensure all equipment is named.**



SATs Information

With the Key Stage 1 assessments coming up in May we are keen that the children should not feel over anxious. We would appreciate it if you would continue to encourage your child, but not place too much emphasis on these tests.

The tests will be conducted in a formal setting but the children will have had many opportunities to practise the style of tests during the weeks and months leading up to them.

Even though we test the children in a formal way, the final level of a child's attainment in reading, writing, speaking and listening, spelling, punctuation and grammar, mathematics and science is determined by teacher assessment.

Miss Ryczowski and Miss Chevis will continue to monitor your child's progress. We will discuss this with you during Parent's Meetings, to be held in early April.

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Everyone is welcome to discuss any matters concerning their child at the end of the school day.