

Bright lights and Big Cities

Year 1 : Summer Term 1

Class Keighley

Welcome back Year 1! I hope that everyone has had a peaceful Easter break and are ready for the term ahead.

We are now in our last half term before Year 1 take their Phonics Screening - this will take place in Summer 2. This half term we will be beginning to prepare the children to do this with confidence. Parents will be welcomed into school to learn more about this later on in half term (more information to follow).

Over the half term, we will be looking at the city of Shanghai and how it is different to where we live here in Bradford.

Our focused text this half term is Traction Man. We will be enjoying his many adventures and making links the story across the curriculum.

As always if you have any queries don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Briggs, Mrs Safianyk and Miss Beaumont.

Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families'.

Every other Tuesday we visit St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemin.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.

Dates to remember:

8.4.24 and 9.4.24 Parents' Evening

12.4.24 Eid Themed Lunch

22.4.24 Whole Class Photo

29.4.24 Year 1 and Year 2 My Happy Mind: Parent morning

1.5.24 Yorkshire Water - Water Safety Talk

6.5.24 Bank Holiday

13.5.24 Year 6 SATs Week

17.5.24 Year 1 Phonics Morning

20.5.24 Hand to Mouth

21.5.24 Rainbow Day

21.5.24 Break up

Learning at home: Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Friday, which can be accessed through Spelling Shed and they will be tested on the correct spellings the following Friday. Reading books need to be brought into school daily. When a child reads at home 5 times per week, they receive a raffle ticket. The tickets are then entered into the draw for the children to have the opportunity to take home our 'Snuggle up and read' bags.

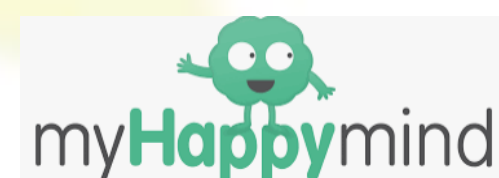
P.E: Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Mondays and Tuesdays.**

Personal Development

PSHE: What would we like to be when we grow up?

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'economic well being'. The children will develop their understanding of money, the difference between spending and saving, and looking at jobs of adults in and around school.

My Happy Mind: Relate - Class Keighley are going to learn why positive relationships matter and how to build them. The main focus being the building blocks of good relationships and friendships.



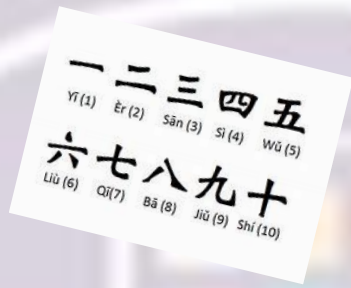
P.E: Our specialist PE coach will continue to teach our PE sessions in Year 1 focusing on Netball. The children will develop their agility, balance and coordination skills.



Our World

Religious Education: Class Keighley will be learning about places of worship that are sacred to believers. The children will have further opportunity to learn about Islam and compare how both Muslims and Christians pray and show that they have a belief.

Geography: In Geography, we will be looking at the country of China and city of Shanghai. The children will develop their place knowledge of Shanghai and use their understanding of human and physical features to compare the city, to the city of Bradford. They will learn about Chinese culture including language, food, clothes and animals which you may find in the country.



Reading : We will continue to follow the Little Wandle reading scheme. Each pupil will receive a book which they can read with fluency to share at home. This supports pupils with their confidence in reading.

Alongside this, we will be using our retrieval and inference skills across subjects, to develop our understanding in a variety of subjects..

Our class novel this half term is: Fairytale Ninjas.

This book was chosen and recommended by the children, so we will be reading - Fairytale Ninjas - The Glass Slipper Academy by Paula Harrison. We are very excited to share it together.



STEM

Science:

During this unit of work, children will learn about materials and will be able to identify objects made from different materials. Throughout the unit, they will be helping Blot, an alien from the Planet Glog, who does not know anything about materials! The children will group and sort different materials based on their properties.

They will also have the opportunity to investigate different materials to see which material would be best to make an umbrella and curtains.

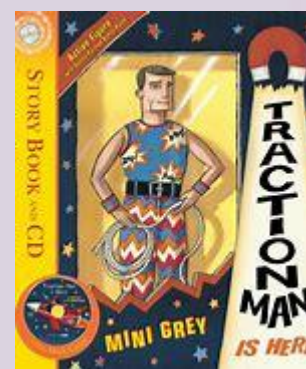
Maths: At the beginning of the half term, Year 1 will be developing their understanding of place value of numbers to 50. Following this the children will start the basics of multiplication and division, this starts by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Design Technology: We will be learning about structures by creating windmills. Children will learn that structures are built for a reason and that they need to be stable.

Computing:

During our computing unit with Miss Beaumont, we will be creating animated stories. The children will work on the iPads to develop their own story, adding music, pictures and sentences. They will follow on from this by learning about coding.

Writing: Our writing this half term will be inspired by the book 'Traction Man'. The children will be focusing on adding adjectives to their writing and further developing their sentence structure. Class Keighley will continue to develop their skills using conjunctions to join sentences and write a sequence of sentences to share their own story ideas.



The Arts

Music: Understanding pitch and tempo will be the main focus for our music unit. The children will develop and use these skills to create and perform a theme song linked to a superhero.

