Gorringe Park Primary School

Dear Families,

The best learning takes place when the context is meaningful and made real to the child's own life. We hope that by sharing our aims, you and your family will support your child's learning in any way you can. If you have any skill, resources or knowledge that you can contribute and share with us at school, please see your child's class teacher.

Year 1 Spring 1

Bright Lights, Big City.

Maths

This term in Maths we will developing our understanding of 3D and 2D shapes. We will learn how to recognise them in our environment and we will learn how to describe and sort them. We will extend our understanding of place value to numbers within 20 and develop our strategies to add and subtract these numbers.

English

Our first book this term will be 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, through this text we will be learning about character and setting descriptions ending in writing our own version of 'Lost and Found'. Our second book this term is 'Yeti and the Bird' by Nadia Shireen and we will be learning about letters and postcards.

RE

In RE we will be learning about the Christian Bible. We will be discussing why it is important to Christians, how it is set up and some of the important stories from both the testaments.

PE

This term in PE we will be working on our agility skills. We will develop skills such as jumping and skipping. We will be becoming more competent with our spacial awareness, direction and speed.

Science

This term our Science topic is Seasonal Change. We will be learning about the four seasons and the weather associated to each of the seasons. We will be looking at how weather impacts plants and animals, how temperature changes through the year and how the daylight hours change.

History

In History, we are learning all about The Great Fire of London! We will be exploring how London has changed over time. We will learn to order the events of the story in chronoligical order and observe how the fire affected London city. We will learn about the role of Samuel Pepys and why he was a significant person in history.

Art

Our Art topic this term will be Rain and Sunrays. We will begin our topic by using natural and manmade resources to create weather motifs. We will then use collagraphy to create a print.

PHSE

In PHSE this term we are focusing on relationships, specifically how we interact with other people. We will learn how to recognise different feelings and behaviour and how this affects others.

Bright Lights, Big City

Put on your best outfit because you're invited to have tea with the Queen. Use your best manners and comb your hair, as one will not be amused if you don't! What do you know about England's capital city? Let's find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. Let's take a virtual walk around streets of London to see what human and physical features we can find. Are you ready for the bright lights of the big city? Hop in a black cab and enjoy the ride.

Help your child prepare for their project

Take a walk around your local area. Make a list or draw pictures of the physical and human features that you find. If you draw pictures, label each one.

Use an atlas, world map or online maps to look for a world city, such as Paris, Berlin, Lagos, Tokyo, Moscow or Barcelona. Choose one that you think looks interesting and use information books and the internet to help you find out about the city.

London is the capital city of the United Kingdom. Use information books and the internet to find out as much as you can about London. Create an information poster to record what you have found. You might like to include pictures and the following headings: landmarks, buildings, types of jobs and people.