



Welcome back to a New Year. We are focusing our learning on an Around the World theme. If your child has a photo or artefact from travels to a different country, please send it in.

Home Learning The purpose of home learning is for children to share and extend the knowledge and skills they learn at school into their home environment.

-Talk about a place you or your child has visited. Share photos and describe it.

-Try some food originating from another country.

-Look at maps and flags to talk about the world; animals and what places look like.

Key Skills we are practising this half term:

Holding and using a knife and fork to cut our food.

Zippering up our own coats and putting on gloves by ourselves in the cold weather.

Writing our letters the correct way around.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our whole school PSED focus is 'Keeping safe'. Children will talk about things that are safe to put on and in their bodies, road safety, stranger danger and online safety.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions will continue, consolidating the Set 1 sounds. Children will start to read and write short sentences using a finger gap and full stop. Children will be assessed each half term to check progress.

You can use your books and Oxford Owl login to practise reading at home. There is also the weekly story sack to share and enjoy.

We have started daily 'Drawing Club' sessions, these follow a story where children explore the character, setting and adventures that they think might happen.

Texts include: *Penguin by Polly Dunbar, We're going on a lion hunt, The Three Little Pigs, Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain.*

Mathematics

Children should be able to **subitise** amounts from 0 to 8. They see an amount and can say how many, without counting. "*There are 3 trees here and 3 trees there, so that's 6*"

We use the vocabulary fewer and more to compare values.

Using balances and measuring, children compare capacity and weight; using *heavier, lighter, empty, more, full* language

Physical Development

Mrs Edwards will teach PE on Tuesdays with a focus on balancing on different body points.

Our other PE session will focus on fine motor control and ball control.

Understanding the World

As we take a whistle stop tour of the world, children will find out about hot and cold places and compare countries. Using maps, photos and videos they will comment on what they see as we celebrate differences.

We will be finding out about Chinese New Year and different types of wedding celebrations.

In RE lessons, we will be finding out about places that are special to ourselves and various faiths.

Creative development

As well as our creation station, this term children will be starting to use our woodwork area. Planning, measuring and using real tools.

Artwork will explore a colour palette of hot and cold colours.