

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.

This term, Class 1 has been invited on a trip ... with a very special bear.

Mrs. Davies



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 a few special visitors who will share their expert knowledge of different places.

Literacy: The main focus will be on the 'Paddington' stories by Michael Bond. 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 capital city's famous landmarks and 'The Great Fire of London'.

Art: The children will be creating 'London landmark collages' and Great Fire of London pictures using a choice of media. They will also design their own tartan and Loch Ness Monster to link with learning about Scotland.

DT: This will involve the children making marmalade sandwiches and creating their own bagpipes!

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

Computing: The children will be using *Google Earth* to look at aerial views of different places. They will also programme *Beebots* to follow directions.

Other subjects ...

Maths: This term we will cover numbers to 100, counting in 2s/5s/10s, addition and subtraction, money and time.

Music: The children will be learning songs and playing musical instruments linked to the topic. The children will also follow the *Charanga* unit of work called 'Into the Groove'.

RE: The children will be learning about 'People in Christianity'.

PE: The children will be developing their bat and ball skills on a Monday and doing gymnastics on a Thursday.

Helping your child at home ...

Reading:

Please continue to support your child with reading at home and complete the reading journals accordingly. We would love to see some more reading certificates this term. Children should be reading to an adult five times per week at home.

Phonics:

We will be sending home the next set of phonics homework on Monday 8th January. Please make sure all phonics books are in school every Monday so that we can stick the new sheet in (even if the work has not been completed).

Maths:

A new set of *My Maths* will be available online every Monday, please come and ask if you have any problems with logging on, content etc.

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 that they can help to point it out on a map.

Class 1 information ...

On Tuesday 23rd January Class 1 will take part in an Irish Dancing Session with Sam Ashby-Clarke from 'The Kerry School of Irish Dance'

P.E. days are still on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure all children have named kit in school. It may also be worth checking that P.E. shoes still fit!

Please can we also have wellies and outdoor weather gear in school for 'Welly Wednesday'?

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions.

Mrs. Davies, Miss Denny and Mrs. Mercer