

STJB Year One



UP, UP AND AWAY!

Dear Parents,

This term our topic is 'Up Up and Away.'

In English, we will be using non-fiction texts to source information and write captions to show our understanding of what we have read or heard about space and birds. Later on, we will explore the stories of Oliver Jeffers, and use his work to stimulate our own creative ideas and imaginations.

In Maths, we will be exploring the relationship between the numbers 1-10. The children will learn to mentally recall the addition and subtraction facts to 10. They will also look at odd and even number patterns, and what happens to numbers when they are doubled and halved.

In Science, the children will be finding out about their body, and will name the different parts. They will learn about their five senses. We will also look at seasonal changes; discussing Winter and later on in the term looking for signs of Spring.

In Education for Safeguarding, we will learn about how to keep ourselves safe when working online. Later on, we will think about right and wrong, and why we need to follow rules to help keep us safe. We will think about the responsibilities we have, and who we can go to if we need help or advice.



In RE, the children will be thinking about the teachings of Jesus, and why he tried to be a friend to others. Later on, we will look at the meaning behind the different parts of the Easter story.

In Computing, the children will be exploring digital painting. They will also be learning how to programme and move a simple robot.

In Geography, the children will be learning about the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In History, the children will be finding out about Amelia Earhart, and what she contributed to the history of aviation. Later on, we will be finding out about the life and achievements of the Sussex born astronaut, Tim Peake.



In D.T, the children will be preparing and cooking healthy foods. They will also design, sew and evaluate a pouch.

In Music, In music, the children will explore their voices by imitating birdsong and playing a simple singing game based on the two-note 'cuckoo call.' They will enhance their listening skills through a bird-spotting game while identifying the 'cuckoo call' in Johann Strauss II's *Cuckoo Polka*. Finally we will end with expressive movement as the children interpret Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending*.

In P.E, the children will explore body movement through gymnastics and dance. The children will also develop their ball skills during games lessons.

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic.

Homework

We would like the children to read daily as this will have the biggest impact on your child's learning; please sign their reading diary when you have read together.

We will be sending home weekly maths and phonics tasks to support your child with their learning. Homework will go home on a Thursday and needs handing in the following Tuesday.