



# SKYLARKS SPRING 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER



## Welcome back!

Our theme this half term is:  
Similarities and Differences

Dates for your diary:

Skylarks Gathering - Friday 7th Feb, 9:30am

PE - Monday - Swimming

Thursday - PE with Mr. Brotherhood



## Maths

Y1: We will learn to add and subtract within 20 and place value of numbers up to 50. We will also investigate measure including mass, volume, length and height.

Y2: We will be learning about money, multiplication and division. We will also investigate measure including length and height, mass, capacity and temperature.

## English

Our writing Roots book is:

The Comet by Joe Todd-Stanton

We will create posters, letters, recipes and our own stories.



Our literary leaves book is:

We will finish our reading of Cakes in Space.

We will also begin to read Hotel Flamingo.

Spelling and Phonics:

Phonics - we will learn: the long i sound spelt ie, i\_e, y and i. The long o sound spelt ow, o\_e, o/oe. The long 'oo' sound spelt ew, ue, u\_e, u and oul. The 'or' sound written as au, aw and al and the 'ur' sound written as ir, ur and ear.  
Spellings: words with adjacent consonants (zz, ss, ff) and words with the 'v' sound at the end (love, give, solve, glove).

We follow the childrens' interests in our learning.

Here are our questions for this half term:

George - How are vehicles different? Rockets, tractors, ships

Eva - How are airplanes and helicopters different?

Tilly - How are birds and swans similar or different?

Imogen - Are birds faster than planes?

Matilda - How are toads and frogs different?

How are lions and big cats similar or different?

How are different insects similar?

What foods are eaten in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

What animals live in the four countries of the UK?

How long does it take to travel to the four UK countries?

What are snail shells like? How are their swirls and patterns similar?

History - What are Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole famous for? Are they still alive?

How did they make and give medicine?

Where were their hospitals?

## Science

This half term we will learn about animals and life cycles.

We will spot patterns in house cats and big cats, observe how animals change and grow over time and identify and classify animals and their offspring.



## History

We will explore the question:  
How has being a nurse changed over time?

We will find out who Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole were, what they did and will compare hospitals in the past to hospitals today.

## RE

Our big question will be:

Y1: What do Jewish people remember on Shabbat?

Y2: How do Christians belong to their faith family?



## PSHE

We will be learning to recognise some of our emotions including happy, sad, private, fine, excited and tired.

## Computing

How can we stay safe on the internet?

What happens to information we put on the internet?



## Art

In Art we will explore the work of Molly Haslund, a Danish artist.

We will focus on her work on spirals, linking these to patterns in nature and animal shells.



## Geography

We will investigate: What is it like to live in the UK?

We will learn about the 4 countries of the UK, their surrounding seas and capital cities.

## Music

Our music sessions will involve learning about the term tempo and thinking about how sound can tell a story. We will consider sounds in the story *The Snail and The Mouse*.

*We are looking forward to a happy and fun year of learning and will always endeavour to help your child to shine their light. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch at: [skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org)*