



# YEAR 1 TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2023

## Paddington's Party (5 weeks)

During this topic, the children will be immersed in the story of Paddington. When the children arrive at school on Monday morning, they will be given a bus ticket. We will then use our imagination, videos, maps and pictures to enjoy our very own bus tour around the city of London. This will lead into our focus for literacy, where they will be learning facts about famous landmarks in London and writing character descriptions about Paddington and the Brown family. In Maths, we will be continuing to learn how to subtract numbers to 10, before moving onto place value to up to 20 and learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes. In Geography, the children will be learning about the United Kingdom, the countries within it and their capital cities. We will also learn about significant people and key historical events, which have happened in London, including Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot, the Royal Family and Remembrance Day. Please see our key knowledge fact sheet which accompanies this email.

At the end of the topic, the children will share their stories and other learning with the other children in their class at a tea party. On this day, we invite your child to come into school dressed up in party clothes.



Tea Party: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

## Home Learning Activity

There are many activities that you could do to support our topic at home. Below are a few ideas to get you started:

- You could visit your local library and see what Paddington stories they have for you to share together. You could take pictures of your child enjoying the stories and encourage them to write sentences about which stories they liked and why.
- You could encourage your child to draw, paint or make with playdough their favourite character from Paddington.
- Paddington loves marmalade sandwiches! You could assist your child to make their favourite sandwich and then take pictures and encourage them to write sentences about what they have made and why.

We look forward to seeing your fantastic home learning. Each child will be able to share their home learning with the class and receive a certificate for their participation.

Please can you send in your child's home learning at the latest by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

# PE – Gymnastics, Dance, Games

This term, in indoor PE, we will be improving our dance skills. In outdoor games, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE', which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements, and focuses on the development of agility, balance and coordination and cooperative learning.



Penguins: Indoor PE – Monday Outdoor PE – Thursday

Dolphins: Indoor PE – Thursday Outdoor PE – Wednesday

Turtles: Indoor PE – Wednesday Outdoor PE – Tuesday

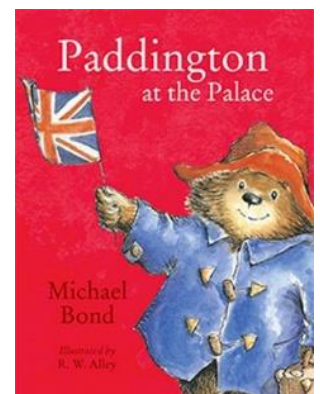
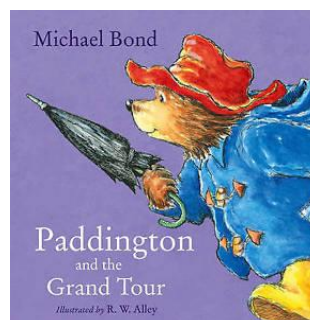
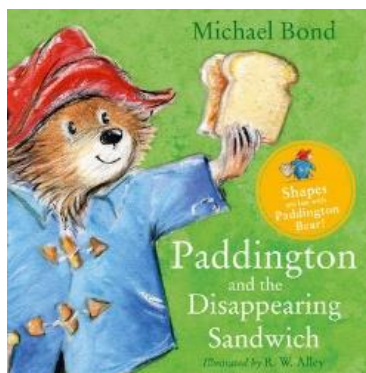
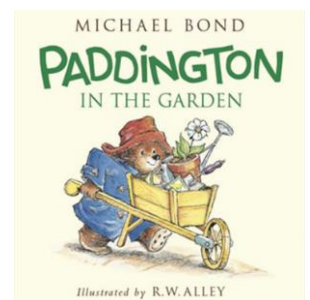
Please ensure that a full kit is provided, including shorts for gymnastics and dance and long tracksuit bottoms for when the children complete games outside. Any earrings must be removed on PE days and long hair must always be tied back.

# P.S.H.E. & Religion and Worldviews

This half term, the focus for our PSHE lessons will be 'Celebrating Differences'. These sessions will be taught in whole class sessions, circle times and assemblies. In Religion and Worldviews, the children will continue to learn about Christianity and the Christmas story.

# Focus Author

This half term, our focus author is Michael Bond, the author of Paddington Bear's adventure stories. Please do read books by Michael Bond and discuss the adventures that Paddington has with your child.



# Calendar Dates

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Paddington Sparkly Starter (children only) and Flu Clinic taking place in school*

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – ‘Sparks In The Dark’ Fireworks Night at Haymoor Junior School*

*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day Assembly*

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Non-school uniform day for Children in Need*

*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 1 Paddington Tea Party - non-uniform (party clothes day)*

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Home learning due and non-school uniform day for Christmas hamper donation*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – INSET Days*

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – KS1 Maths Workshop*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTA Toy Sale after school in the hall*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 visit the PTA Christmas shop*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Children visit the Christmas Grotto and PTA Toy Sale and Christmas Raffle draw after school in the hall*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Penguins’ Nativity Performance*

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Dolphins’ Nativity Performance*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Turtles’ Nativity Performance*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Non-school uniform Christmas party day*

*If you have any questions about your child’s learning journey, please do not hesitate to contact us.  
Many thanks for your continued support.*

*Mr Watt, Mr Booker, Mrs Blake-McKeown and Mrs Adams*