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## New City Primary School Year group: 1 Spring Term 2024

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
The 'Author of the Term' focus will be Jon Klassen. The children will also read stories by Judith Kerr and Anthony Browne. Some will be well known such as 'The Tiger Who came to Tea' and 'The Selfish Crocodile' and other new and exciting stories such as 'The Slightly annoying elephant' and 'Lion in my Cornflakes.' The children will continue to write simple sentences to retell their weekend news, describe characters and settings as well as write their own stories. The children will focus on using full stops and capital letters as well as introducing a rich vocab of adjectives to ensure their writing is interesting for the reader. In phonics the children will be looking at alternative pronunciations of graphemes for reading as well as alternative spellings for phonemes.	In the first half of the Spring term the children will continue to look at place value and addition and subtraction. They will be looking at halving and doubling of numbers. In the second half of this term, the children will look at strategies for multiplication and division such as sharing and equal groups of. The children will begin to look at the link between the two operations. The children will continue working on the names of the shapes and describing their properties. They will be learning how to sort 2D and 3D shapes by looking at their properties. Finally, the children will also be looking at fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$	In the first half of the term, the children will be learning about Materials (Everyday Materials) with a focus on Charles Macintosh. The children will distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. They will also begin to explore magnetism and waterproofing and be able to sort materials based on these properties. The children will then be able to use what they have learnt to select materials for different purposes. In the second half of the term, the children will look at plants. The children will identify and observe different plants as well as learn how to grow their own flowers. Also, they will learn the different parts of a flower and be able to identify common British plants and flowers.
History & Geography	Art & DT	Music
In History, the children will be learning about their local area- Plaistow/Newham. The children will be looking at and comparing old and new. In particular looking at pictures and sources from the past illustrating Plaistow/Newham and discussing how they are similar and different from the present. In Geography, the children will learn about Basic Geographical World Knowledge. The children will become familiar with a globe and map of the world. With this the children will be able to identify the seven continents on a world map, locate the five oceans on a map and they will be able to discuss their positions by using a four-point compass.	In Art and Design, during Spring 1, the children will create a sculpture in clay and mixed media of a tower in the style of the Orbit Tower by Sir Anish Kapoor. They will make learning links with Geography and recognise that architecture is an example of artwork. Later in Spring 2, the children will create a mixed media art piece of an animal portrait in the style of Paul Klee. They will explore the portrait "Cat and Bird" and begin to understand that artists can create art to express an idea as did Klee (Expressionism).	The children will explore pulse through listening and appraise, singing and instruments. They will begin to identify the difference between pulses and rhythm as well as reading rhythm notation. The children will listen and appraise a variety of different pieces of music such as the Viennese Musical Clock-Kodaly and Scherzo (Midsummer Night's Dream). After half term the children will begin to explore pitch. The children will have an opportunity to explore varying pitch through their voice as well as following a conductor to play both high and low. The children will have an opportunity to listen to a variety of compositions including: 'Rhapsody in Blue'-Gerschwinn, 'Brazilian Samba'-Fanfarra, 'En Bateau-Debussy' and 'Badinere'-Bach.
Computing	Religious Education	PSHE
This term the children will be learning how to plan a simple programme. By creating a list of commands and sequences they will be able to programme a robot to move in a series of different directions. After half term the children will be introduced to animation and will begin to understand and use algorithms	The children will be learning about Sikhism and Islam. They will be learning about what it means to belong to these religions and how people practise their religion. We will also be learning about the different religious festivals attached to these religions and how they are celebrated across the world.	This term the children will be learning about relationships and different types of relationships. After half term the children will be understanding what makes food healthy/unhealthy. The children will begin to recognise the components of a healthy lifestyle.
PE	Educational Visits	Homework
This term the children will be doing Gymnastics. The children will begin to move confidently and safely in their own and general space, using speed and direction. The children will opportunities to perform movement phrases using a range of actions and body parts. The children will also have an opportunity to practise their throwing and catching skills.	We will be organising a visit to the Stratford Archives and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows: Monday-Spellings Tuesday-Reading Wednesday-Mathletics (online) Thursday-TT Rockstars (online) Friday-Long write

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