



The KS1 topic this term is. . .

Are We Nearly There?

Welcome to the Spring Term in KS1! We hope you've had a lovely break for the festive period and are looking forward to another fun-filled term. Read on to find out all of the fabulous things we'll be doing this term.

Our topic this term is 'Are We Nearly There?' We are learning all about expeditions, exploring and transport this term. We will be focussing on the history of transport, famous figures from the world of transport and exploring the different seasons, climates and types of weather across the world.

In D&T we will be looking closely at wheeled vehicles. We will be considering the history of car designs as part of our design process, before designing and building our own cars considering axels, wheels and a chassis.

In PE we will be focussing on gymnastics after half term. We will also be learning about functional fitness and games. We will be thinking very carefully about how to warm our bodies up ready for exercise, stretch out and cool down. Our focus will be on stretching carefully and effectively, learning to balance using different parts of the body. We will also start using equipment such as beams and vaults to extend our learning.

As computer users we will be focussing on creating media using digital photography!

In RE we will be focussing on learning about special places, places we feel safe and different places of worship. We explore learning about about sacred places from a variety of religions and we will also begin to learn about different sacred texts.

As historians we will be thinking about different forms of transport from the past. We will consider the ways in which people travelled previously and how modern technology has improved the way in which people can travel now. We will also be exploring both important and local Historical figures such as Amelia Earhart, Bessie Coleman, the Wright brothers and Henry Royce and investigating their contributions to history.

As musicians we will be listening to and reflecting on various pieces of orchestral music and learning musical language including pitch, orchestrate, pulse, percussion and tempo. We will be learning more about the composer John Adams with a focus on the piece 'Short Ride in a Fast Machine'.

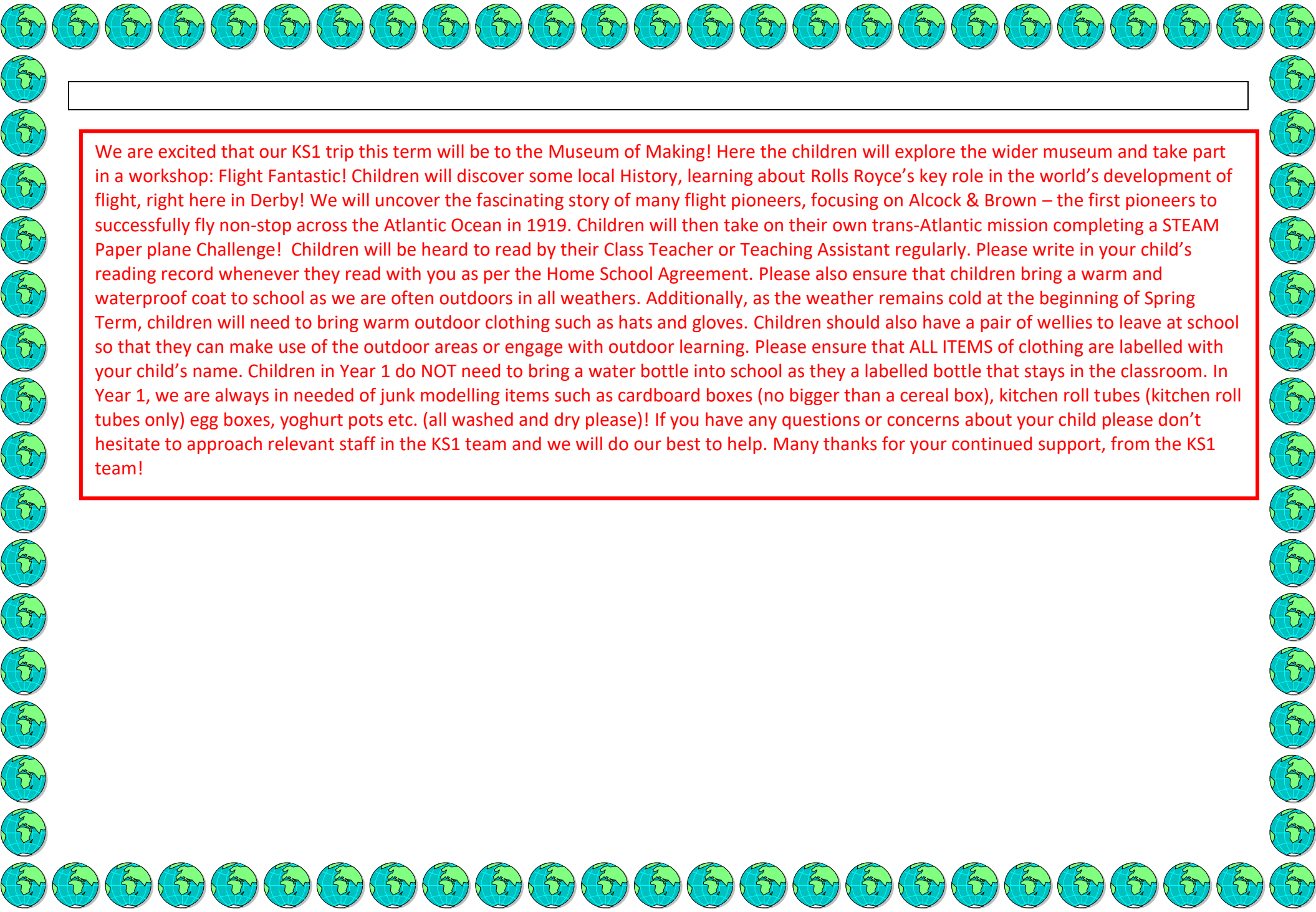
In PSHE we will be focussing on exploring our emotions. We will continue learning to identify and name different emotions and consider how we act and what we can do when we feel a certain way. We will also be learning about and celebrating differences and diversity within the classroom, our community and the wider world.



As scientists we will be considering seasonal change. We will be learning about how the weather changes in the UK over the seasons of the year and working scientifically to measure the weather we see around us, measuring precipitation and wind direction and recording this as appropriate.

As geographers we will be thinking about different climates, weather patterns and climate zones across the world. We will be keeping weather diaries to observe and record the weather local to us and learning more about how climates affect the weather in different parts of the world. In practical activities, we will make our own windsocks and rain gauges.

As artists we will be focussing on observational drawing. We will take inspiration after learning about the drawings of artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci and will be doing our own still life drawing of different types of transport.

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We are excited that our KS1 trip this term will be to the Museum of Making! Here the children will explore the wider museum and take part in a workshop: Flight Fantastic! Children will discover some local History, learning about Rolls Royce's key role in the world's development of flight, right here in Derby! We will uncover the fascinating story of many flight pioneers, focusing on Alcock & Brown – the first pioneers to successfully fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean in 1919. Children will then take on their own trans-Atlantic mission completing a STEAM Paper plane Challenge! Children will be heard to read by their Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant regularly. Please write in your child's reading record whenever they read with you as per the Home School Agreement. Please also ensure that children bring a warm and waterproof coat to school as we are often outdoors in all weathers. Additionally, as the weather remains cold at the beginning of Spring Term, children will need to bring warm outdoor clothing such as hats and gloves. Children should also have a pair of wellies to leave at school so that they can make use of the outdoor areas or engage with outdoor learning. Please ensure that ALL ITEMS of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Children in Year 1 do NOT need to bring a water bottle into school as they have a labelled bottle that stays in the classroom. In Year 1, we are always in need of junk modelling items such as cardboard boxes (no bigger than a cereal box), kitchen roll tubes (kitchen roll tubes only) egg boxes, yoghurt pots etc. (all washed and dry please)! If you have any questions or concerns about your child please don't hesitate to approach relevant staff in the KS1 team and we will do our best to help. Many thanks for your continued support, from the KS1 team!