

Dear Year 1 families,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. We have been so pleased with how the children have settled in. They are full of enthusiasm for learning and are working really well with one another. This term our focus will be 'Where I go to school and Where I Live'.



English

Reading: We will be reading lots of stories to discuss as a class and practicing reading our own books using our phonics to help us. This is such an important skill to practice as it helps us with all areas of our learning.

Make sure you are reading lots of books at home. This should include books you read to your child as well as the books your child can read. When we start sending books home please ensure you read at home every day. This will really help to develop your child's accuracy and fluency.

Lists, Labels and Captions: We will be focusing on our letter formation and using our phonics to help us write words. To practice these skills we will have lots of opportunity to write labels and captions to describe the learning we are doing in the classroom. This might be labelling a picture of a model we have made, or writing a simple sentence to describe where we live.

You can support at home by encouraging your child to practice their letters at home. Can they write their name independently? Find opportunities to support independent writing such as writing a shopping list, making and writing thank you cards or writing about a picture they have drawn.

Maths

Number: We will be counting, sorting and ordering numbers. We will use practical resources such as sticks, counters and Numicon to help us find 1 more/ 1 less and to compare them using greater than/ less than. We will also look at how numbers are organised using a number line.

Please do lots of counting, ordering and sorting at home using any available objects e.g. coins, Lego bricks or toy cars. Can you write down numbers to 10? Can you order them?

Addition and Subtraction: We will be learning about fact families (e.g. all the ways to make 8) and learning our number bonds to 10.

Can you practise your numbers bonds to 10 at home? Practise playing 'ping-pong' with one another e.g. You say '7', I say '3' and so on. Can you say them in order?

Science We will be learning about seasonal change through observing, classifying and describing. This will include looking at leaves, plants and the weather to identify signs of Autumn.

Art: Our theme is 'Spirals'. With a focus on drawing, collage and mark making.

Geography: We will be learning about where we live and where we go to school, we will be using resources such as Google Earth to find out more and finding out what the main uses for land are in our local area. We will also be finding out about the human and physical features of geography in our area.

RE — We will be learning about 'The Natural World' and how important this is to Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

IT — Our theme is 'Technology All Around Us', We will learn how to use a mouse and keyboard.

Music — Our unit of work is called 'Hey You!', with a focus on old-school hip-hop. We will learn how to use our voices expressively and use instruments to perform a piece of music.

P.E. — This half term we will be focusing on target and team building games.

Please read with your child every day at home (10 minutes). Your child will have an online Bug Club book and will also be given a Bug Club book each week to read. We will read with your child/ren once a week and will stamp their reading record to show that they have been read with.

PE Days:

Goldsworthy:
Wednesday and
Friday

Kusama: Wednesday
and Thursday

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, trainers).

Year 1 Home learning:
Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on our class page on Weduc.