



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1
2021

News

Welcome back and Happy new year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break! Year 1 worked extremely hard last term and we are very proud of all the progress they have made. The teachers have planned a new half term full of exciting and new learning opportunities. This newsletter will highlight the curriculum topics we will cover this term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Miss Ramji (1W), Miss Adil (1P), Miss Patel (1S) and Miss Hussain (1F).

Literacy

This term, the children will be focussing on the story:

Orion and the Dark by Emma Yarlett.

Children will be:

- *Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing.
- *Predicting what happens next in the story.
- *Identifying and describing characters and settings.
- *Role-playing the stories.
- *Writing their own version of the stories.

Children will also be learning **how to write instructions.**

How can you help your child at home?

In order to help your child at home, you can encourage them to practise their handwriting and learn the Year 1 common exception words/ high frequency words which will be sent home.

Useful website: <http://www.ictgames.com>

Science

Plants

This half-term our topic is the about plants. Children will be learning to identify and name common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also be looking at the structure of plants and trees.

Seasons

The children will be observing, describing and recording the changes in the weather over time.

Computing

Navigating Websites

Children will begin learning the benefits and risks of using the internet. They will learn how to navigate a website and find information for a given online resource. They will practise how to type in simple URL's and use a range of sources to find information.

Art

In this subject area, the children will be learning about drawing, painting and designing their own toys. They will use a range of materials, a range of art techniques and thinking about the work of a range of artists.

History

Amy Johnson

In this half term children will be learning about a significant person in our locality named Amy Johnson. They will learn why she found it difficult to fly, how people reacted to her flying and how things changed for Amy after her famous flight to Australia.

Useful website: <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/amys-aviation/british-aeronautics/meeting-amy-johnson-worlds-famous-woman-pilot/>

Maths

Children will be:

- *Representing and using number bonds to 20.
- *Counting in multiples of twos, fives and tens.
- *Solving one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction.

Measurement/Geometry

Children will be:

- *Recognising the value of different coins and notes.

Useful websites:

Place value: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjv39j6>

Music

Music will be delivered by a Brent schools music teacher who will be focussing on rhythm skills and rhyming patterns.

RE

Children will learn about caring for others and those who care for us. They will consider important members of a community, different caring traditions and respond to stories from traditions that express ways of caring for each other.

P.E

P.E lessons will be taught by a specialist P.E teacher. The children will explore games involving throwing, catching and creating games.

Please ensure your child **comes in to school dressed in their P.E kits every Wednesday and Friday.**

Thank you from the Year 1 Team. Please note that morning drop off to school is from 8.35am until 9am. Children should be collected from their classrooms between 3.05pm and 3.20pm.

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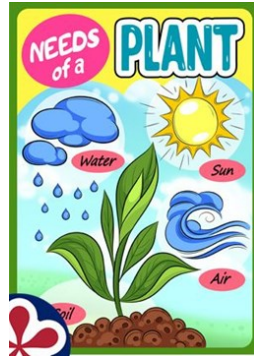
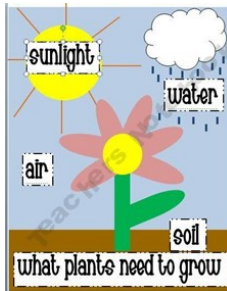
Year 1 Topic Home Learning Spring 1

Please choose at least one of the KS1 challenges to complete.

Science—Plants

Can you create a **poster** about looking after plants? Think about what plants need to survive and why we enjoy having them!

Use important key words you have learnt and make your poster as colourful as a field full of flowers!



Art—Toys!

For art children are learning to draw, colour and build their own toy. Can you create a picture of a toy that you think every child today would want to play with?

***Think about the size and shape**

***Colour/material**

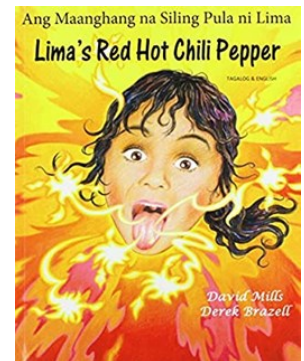
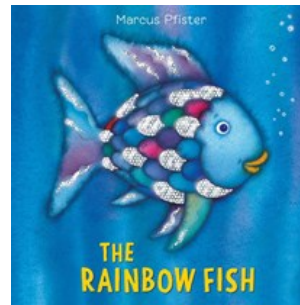


Literacy-Stories

Have you read a good book recently? Tell us all about it! Draw a picture of your favourite part of the book and write a matching sentence!

Don't forget to use:

- *A Capital letter
- *Finger spaces
- *A full stop



Compulsory Homework—Each week

Reading

Reading books will be changed **every Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure your child's reading record is **signed** to show that you have read with your child. Books will not be changed unless their reading record is signed.

Spellings

Spellings will be given **every Tuesday** and children will be tested the **following Monday**. The phonics sounds that they are learning in class will be highlighted in red.

High frequency words

Children will be given a small labelled A5 wallet with some laminated cut up words inside them. Children need to practise reading these words by sight and spelling these words **daily**. The wallet will need to be kept in their book bags and will be changed every fortnight, if the child is confident with them.

Mental Maths/Phonics homework

Your child will be given phonics and numeracy homework in their red homework books **every Friday**. The homework will need to be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. Please encourage the children to do their homework independently and guide them if they need support.