



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1
2022

News

Welcome back and very Happy new year! We hope you all had a relaxing and lovely Christmas break! We are very proud of all the progress year 1 have made last term, which is the result of all their hard work. 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.

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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 identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will describe the basic structure of common flowering plants including 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:

- *Finding ten more and ten less of a given number.
- * Place value—tens and ones.

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 reflect on how we care for our world and show gratitude, analyse how different religions show gratitude. They will think about relationships humans have with animals and how we show them care.

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 at 3.20pm.

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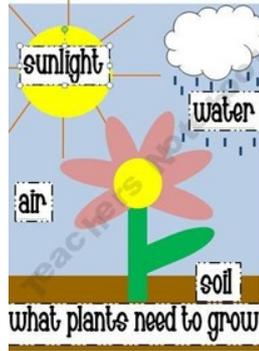
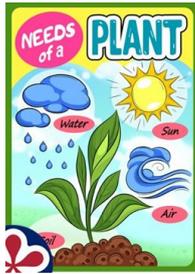
Year 1 Topic Home Learning Spring 1

Please choose to 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!



History—Amy Johnson

We will be learning about Amy Johnson next term. To learn more about Amy Johnson and who she was please use the website below and **make some notes about what you have learnt about her** and some **interesting facts you found** that you can share with your teacher and the class.

<https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/homeschool/aviation-mission/mission-4-who-was-amy-johnson/>

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

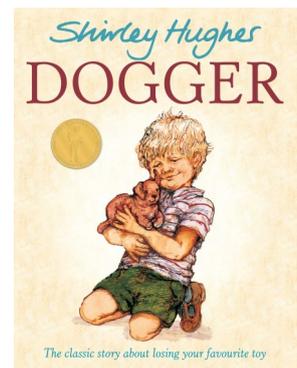
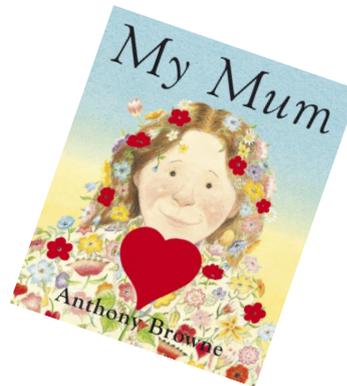


Literacy-Stories

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, Wednesdays 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.

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.