



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We have some exciting things planned for this half term and some information that we would like to share with you. Please do ask me if you would like to know anything more about what we are learning.

Have a great half term of learning,
Jeanette
Class Teacher

English

This term in English we will be focusing on reinforcing the work done in Reception. We will be recapping on all the letter sounds as well as the digraphs in phase 3 such as ch, th, no, ai, ee etc. There is a big emphasis on phonics and there are a few websites I would recommend this website to help:

www.phonicsplay.com



In English lessons and through our topic work the children will be learning to say a sentence and write it; making sure we count the words, leave fingers spaces and use capital letters and full stops. We will write about our memories and characters and story settings.

We will be learning some repetitive stories like 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' off by heart and acting them out.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Theme

The topic this term is Memory Box. The children will be talking about their memories in class, as well as sharing baby photos and discussing how they have changed from being a baby, to a toddler, to a Year One child!

We will be discussing who is in our family and what they want to be when they are older. As part of our topic we will be looking at changes in recent history, such as how toys, schools and homes have changed over time.

At home you could discuss your childhood memories with your child, and talk to them about what toys you played with and what your family life was like. I am sure they would love to hear your stories!



Maths

In Maths, we will be exploring numbers to ten. We will build our understanding of adding and subtracting within ten and will learn our number bonds to ten. You can help us learn these and our number facts within ten at home!

Number bond example: $3 + 7 = 10$

Number fact example: $5 + 2 = 7$

Also, this half term, we will work on recognising and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. We will try to recognise these in everyday objects so we try this at home as well.

2D shape example: square

3D shape example: cuboid



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71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be naming different parts of the body and learning about the five senses. Linking to our topic, we will be thinking about how humans change over time from a baby to a toddler, child, teenager and adult.

History

In History we will be thinking about changes within living memory and our own lives. We will also be looking at how toys, schools and homes have changed over time.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be thinking about how I can be a good friend. The habit for September is 'Who am I?'. We will be exploring more about what makes us who we are. The habit for October is 'Goals/Perseverance' and we will be learning how to keep going when things get tough!

R.E.

This term in RE we will be thinking all about - 'Myself'. We will be thinking about who we are, who we are becoming and what makes us special. We will be thinking about how we grow and change over time.

Computing

This term we will be learning about how to control a Bee-Bot using the correct instructions and creating our own algorithms. We be starting to use the iPads.

Dates for Autumn 1

Wed 20th Oct	Class Trip to... Archbishops Park 1:30pm leave school. If you can help to walk us there please let me know as possible.
Thurs 21st Oct	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 3.15pm Finish
Fri 22nd Oct	INSET DAY School closed to children
Half term Holiday Mon 25th to Fri 29th Oct	
Mon 1st Nov	Children return to school

Art and Design

In Year One we will be focusing on our drawing skills and how to make different marks with a pencil and other media, such as paint, chalk and pastels. We will also be painting our own portraits.

Sumdog

This term Year One will join the rest of the school in having access to the Sumdog app. Look out for the letter with the username, password and school code. You can work on maths, spelling and grammar skills.



P.E.

In PE our topics are 'Playground Games' and 'Defend and Attack'. We will be developing our team work alongside defensive and attack strategies to ensure we are more likely to win. Louise will be taking our PE lesson on Monday and I will be doing PE on a Thursday.

Handwriting

In handwriting we will be going over all the letters to make sure they are formed properly. If your child has problems forming letters please work on this at home.

Homework

Each MONDAY we hand out homework. Children will either complete work on their iPad (e.g. Maths) or use their exercise book. Check the page in their exercise book each week to make sure you know what you are doing. Exercise books will be checked by teachers during the week after homework is due.

Every day, children should:

- Read their reading book for 10 minutes
- Start to learn to read the 100 high frequency words for Year One.
- In the topic homework book please choose one task a week to complete from the grid.
- Tell you the sound they have learned that day and write it down for you to see.
- Write their name (ensure forename first, then do both forename and surname) every day - making sure there is a capital letter at the beginning and all the other letters are of a similar size.