

Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2 2023-2024

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! We appreciate all of your efforts in making your child's transition into Year One as smooth as it has been. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Topic

Our Topic this term is 'Explorers' where we will be studying explorers of our world and beyond, looking at our solar system. Our investigations will lead us to become explorers of our own local areas and how these differ to others around the world. We will be looking at a variety of different maps and what these are useful for. We will continue to look at environments and discuss natural and human made objects in the world. For history we will be looking at our local area and how the world around us has changed in short and longer periods of time. We will be going on our first school trip of the year when we visit The Maritime Museum in Greenwich, which will further embed our explorers learning from this half term.

Maths



In maths we are continuing to look at addition and will move into subtraction, using concrete materials, part-part-whole mats, drawing pictures to work out answers. We will keep exploring problem solving and reasoning to find answers and justify them. We will continue to use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount.

English

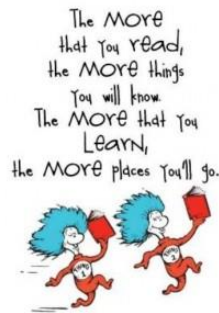
This term we will be reading *The Naughty Bus* and *Astro Girl*. The main characters in these stories go on adventures to learn about the world around them.

We will be encouraging children to use their taught phase 5 graphemes in their writing as well as noticing at spelling patterns and implementing tricky words. We will also be looking at how we use nouns, adjectives and verbs in sentences.

Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of having your child read to you daily. We are asking for a minimum of 10 minutes each day. Please keep your child's book in their bookbag so it comes to school every day. We aim to read with your child at least twice a week and your child requires the consistency of reading the same book.

It is noticeable when children are reading regularly at home and they are proud to share this with the class. When your child is confident with their home reader, it will be changed.



Science

This half term we will be introducing properties of materials. We will be investigating what objects are made of and why that material is suitable for its purpose. We will sort these materials and group them by their properties and discuss what items we could make with those materials. At the end of term, we will make a boat in DT out of suitable materials.

Please send in any junk modelling materials that we could use for our boats.



P.E

Below are the P.E days for the different classes. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on their specific day, with the correct footwear. All sessions are outdoors so it is essential that your child wears warm clothes on their PE day (this should be navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings with their white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and their school jumper).

| PE Timetable | | |
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| 1AM | Monday | Tuesday |
| 1NS | Monday | Thursday |

Daily timetable:

9:00-9:10 Handwriting/ Finger Gym

9:10-9.40 English/Maths

9.40-10.20 COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning)/Group work

10.20-10.40 Phonics

10.40-11.00- Break

11:00- 12:00 COOL Time/Group work

LUNCH

1:00-1.30 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE/RE

1.30- 3:00 COOL Time/Reading

3:00 Assembly/Story time/discussions

3. - Home time

Thank you all for your continued support in your child's learning journey. We look forward to the fun filled term ahead.

The Year 1 Team 😊