

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2 2023- 2024



What a fantastic start to the Spring Term we have had! Thank you so much for your continued support. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office, who will put you in touch. Being parents ourselves we know how hard it can be to get information about what your child has been up to throughout the day, but we do have our Year 1 webpage which will let you know what the children have been learning across the curriculum over the past term. It can be found here:

<https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/year-1/>

We are:

1NS - Ned Symes, Kathy Burston
1AM - Amy McGuigan, Amanda White

Topic

Our Topic this term is history based around our local area. We will be using our enquiry skills to find out more about our local area, what has changed and why. We will start by looking at the history of our school, when it was built and the similarities and differences between school life in the past and school life now. We will look at Henry Bessemer and what influence he had on the local area and build up our understanding and knowledge of the Great Exhibition and what influence that had on the local community at the time.

Maths

In maths this term we are moving into Place Value to 50 and the composition of these numbers (how many tens and how many extra ones).

Through this, we will revisit addition and subtraction. Through our Mastery approach, we use concrete materials, part-part-whole mats, draw pictures to work out answers and explore the language around problem solving and reasoning. We will also be continuing to discuss measurement and use non-standard units to measure objects. We will be using a practical approach to measurement investigating length and height as well as mass and volume.



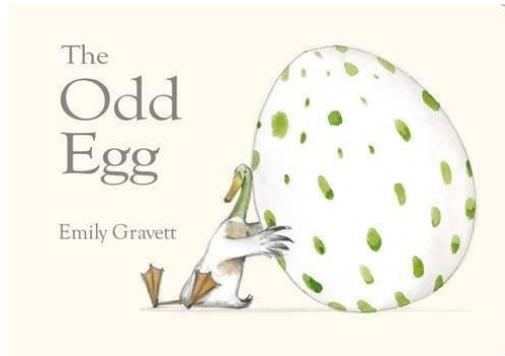
Please continue to have mathematical discussions with your children around time, weight, measurement (length and height and weight and capacity), coins, skip counting (in 2s, 5s and 10s), the composition of numbers, number bonds. Remember, Maths is EVERYWHERE and every conversation could lead to that 'light bulb' moment for your child.

English

This term we will be studying the stories Emma-Jane's Aeroplane and The Odd Egg.

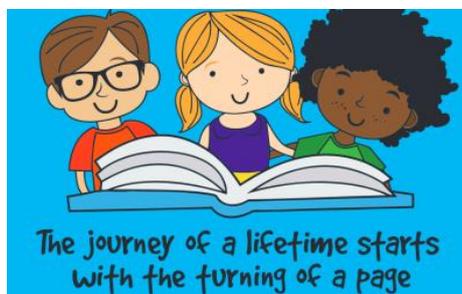
We will be writing letters, post cards, drawing story maps and rewriting familiar stories... and even tweaking them to make them our own. We will continue to talk about nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

Please continue to practise the spelling of your tricky words.



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. 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. It is important that your child can ask questions about the story and answer questions that adults are asking them. Your child should be able to retell the story in their own words, identify the characters, setting and discuss the feelings of characters and choices they have made in the story.



Please make sure you sign your child's reading diary every day after they read too. Children are very excited to receive their reading certificates.

Science

This term we are learning about Animals, Including Humans. We will recap our five senses and learn about which animals belong to each of the classification groups, including mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, amphibians and insects. We will discuss what makes each group special and how animals are classified into each of these groups. In science we will also explore warm blooded and cold-blooded animals and the habitats in which they live.

P.E

This term we will have one indoor and one outdoor PE lesson each week. We will have a dance unit during our indoor sessions and concentrate on racquet skills in our outdoor session.

	1NS	1AM
Outdoor	Monday	Monday
Indoor	Thursday	Tuesday

REQUESTS

If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, they would be much appreciated.

If you have any old pots, pans and cooking utensils at home, we would love to have them for our provision.

We are also on the hunt for any old gardening tools, pots, soil or seeds for our upcoming science topics.

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 😊