



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Summer Term 1 2024/25



What a brilliant Spring Term we have had! Thank you so much for your continued support. We can't believe we are moving into the Final term already! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask us directly or contact the office who will put you in touch.

We do know how hard it can be to get information about what your child has been up to throughout the day, to that end we 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/besemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/year-1/>

The Year 1 Team:	
1NS	Ned, Lordina, Lisa (additional learning support)
1JM	Jack, Ibrahim, Gina (additional learning support)
1ST	Stacy, Kathy

### **History / Geography** - Our topic this half term is: **Amazon**

Our Topic this term is based on the Amazon. We will be finding out about this wonderful region of our planet. We will be researching the different types of animals, plants and food that come from this region.

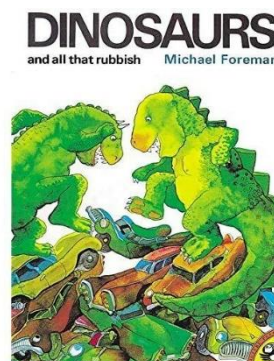
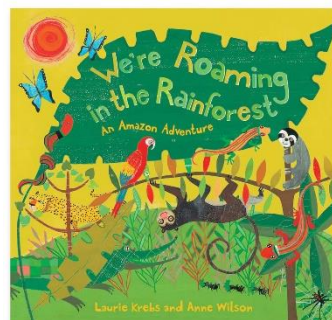
We will continue to look at different environments and will be using maps and atlases to locate other tropical regions around the world. We will also be investigating natural and human features found in the Amazon and looking into what humans are doing in this region which can have an effect on the rest of the planet.

### **English** -

This term we will be reading the books *Dinosaurs and all that rubbish* and *We're Roaming in the Rainforest*.

We will be writing letters, writing paragraphs to match headings, using suffixes, continuing to encourage the use of a range of punctuation and looking at past tenses.

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 you 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.**

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### **Maths** -

In maths this term we are moving into multiplication and division – with particular focus on counting in twos, fives and tens. We will also be learning how to share groups equally. Finally, we will be looking at fractions and how to recognise halves and quarters. We will not only be looking at fractions in the properties of a shape, but also quantities of objects.



We will be using a practical approach to much of this maths to make it as relevant and

interesting to the children as possible and hope that the continue to enjoy maths as much as they currently do!

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.

Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

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### **Science**

This term we are continuing our learning about Plants and Growing. We will be visiting the wildlife centre in Peckham to look at habitats. This will then lead into 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.

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**P.E** – This half term we will be having one indoor PE session which will be focussing on Yoga, we will be teaching children a variety of yoga poses throughout the half term. We will also have one outdoor session which will continue to focus develop throwing and catching, alongside hand eye coordination and ball skills.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

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**Music** – We will continue with our weekly music lessons with Duncan. Looking at rhythm, the beat and pulse and using call and response songs. We will be visiting JAGS on the morning of May 7<sup>th</sup> to take part in a Year 1 Singing festival with five other local schools. Unfortunately, this performance is not open to the public.



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**Computing** – This half term we will be learning about digital handwriting. The children will enhance their understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and change text. The children will familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard and begin using tools to change the look of their writing, and then they will consider the differences between using a computer and writing on paper to create text.

### **NATURE GARDEN**

All year one classes will have the opportunity to attend the Nature Garden on a **Wednesday** afternoon. If your child has a pair of wellies they would like to bring in, they are more than welcome to leave them on their peg. Please ensure they are in a bag labelled with their name.

### **REQUESTS**

If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, or any spare craft materials they would be much appreciated as we will be running an art and craft activity during golden time next half term.

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 😊



## **Daily timetable:**

**9:00–9:10** Handwriting/ Finger Gym

**9:10 – 9:30** Whole class input Maths or English

**9.30-10.20** English/Maths (2 groups) COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning – 2 groups)

**10.20-10.40** Phonics

**10.40-11.00-** Break

**11:00–12:00** English/Maths (2 groups) COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning – 2 groups)

### **LUNCH**

**1:00-1.30** Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE (input)

**1.30- 2.50-** COOL Time (and wider curriculum activity related to input)

**1:30 – 3:00** - Reading groups will run alongside afternoon activities

**3:00 – 3:25** Tidy up time story time/maths/assembly

**3.30** - Home time