

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 1 2024-2025

Welcome to Summer term! As we enter the final term of the academic year, we ask that you keep those communication lines open and let us know if your child is having any difficulties or if you have any concerns.

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Geography

Our Topic this term is the Amazon Adventure where we will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest and comparing life and weather patterns in the Amazon to our life here. We will be learning about the geography of the Amazon and finding out about the rainforest foods and the habitat and animals that live there. We will continue to look at environments and discuss natural and human made objects in the world. We will study the different layers of the rainforest and further develop our geographical language, naming and locating continents and oceans around the world.

Art

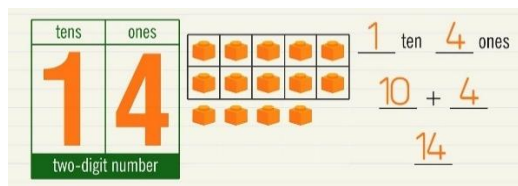
In art we will look at different printing techniques and creating various patterns to represent different rainforest animals.

Maths

In maths we will continue our fast recall of our number bonds to ten and to twenty. It would be great if you could continue to practise this at home! These quick facts will help as we continue to explore bridging through ten for addition and subtraction using part-part-whole models.

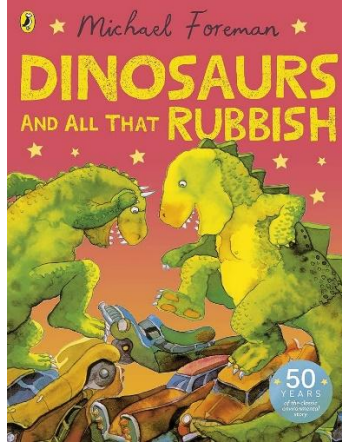


This term we will be exploring counting/grouping in 2s and 5s. Additionally, we will explore word problems and develop our reasoning and justification of these answers. We will continue to use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount.



English

This term we will start by reading ***Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish***. Our focus in literacy this term is exploring suffixes (such as -ed and -est), writing instructions using imperative verbs, and using adjectives to create simple similes. Continually, we want to ensure that all children are using capital letters and full stops every single time they write.



Tricky words

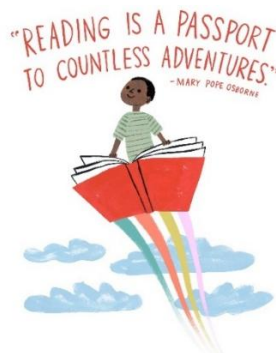
We test your child's knowledge of their tricky words regularly, so keep practising! Once your child knows all of their words by sight and can quickly recall what they say they then need to be able to spell all of these words correctly too.

Reading

Every child should have a home reading book and a reading diary. Both of these should be brought into school every day. We try to read every day with a group of children and if your child forgets their book it may mean that they miss out on reading with an adult that day.

Your child's reading diary should be signed every time your child is reading at home, this could be a book, magazine, a newspaper of their choice or their reader from school. We are going to be giving out rewards for every five times they read. This can only be monitored if the reading diary is being signed and is coming to school every day.

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, and answering questions about the book, please write a little comment to explain what kind of things you have spoken about at home.



Science

This term we will continue the study of weather and seasonal change and will continue to track weather patterns for each month. We will continue to classify different animals (birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, minibeasts and amphibians- and look at their characteristics) and study their habitats (particularly those that live in the Amazon Rainforest). These are nice conversations you can have with your children when you are out and about at the park or if you spot any animals on your way home from school.



P.E

Every **Monday** is your child's PE session. We ask that you bring a labelled PE kit in for your child. This kit must be in a **NAMED BAG** have a T-shirt, some shorts or leggings and trainers or plimsolls. This kit needs to come in **EVERY MONDAY**.

Daily timetable:

8.55-9:10	Handwriting
9.10-9:40	Literacy/ Maths
9:40-11:30	COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning)
11.30-12:00	- Phonics
LUNCH	
1:00-1.20	Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
1.20- 2.50-	COOL Time
2.50-3.20-	Story/ Discussion/ Daily PE activities
3.25-	Home time

Thank you!
The Year 1 Team