

Spring Term Year 1

English

This term, Class 1 will continue with the Read Write Inc program. Children will develop reading and comprehension skills through fiction and non-fiction texts. In writing, they'll work on building their own sentences when writing narratives, reports, and recounting real events.

For more information and support with our phonics scheme, visit:

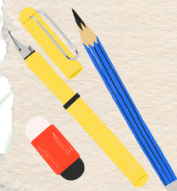
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

We will also learn how to write clear instructions, such as 'How to make a fruit kebab.'

How you can help:

Look at instructions together, like recipes. Talk about what features make them easy to follow.

As your child learns new sounds, you can help by spotting these sounds when reading together and talking about the story. Phonics sound mats and 'nonsense' words are in your child's Learning Journal.



We are reading

Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Hansel and Gretel
Little Red Riding Hood
The Gingerbread man



Maths

Children will be developing their mathematical understanding in the areas of number, shape, statistics and measure. They will be counting forwards and backwards in different steps as well as using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will be learning to read, write and order numbers up to 100.

You can help by practising counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s and 5s as well as recalling number pairs to 20. Use these to solve related calculations (e.g., if $2 + 6 = 8$, then $8 - 6 = 2$). Try the Number Facts game on Top Marks—choose addition and subtraction:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families>

You can also discuss our key vocabulary with your child: journey, 2D shape, 3d shape and data.



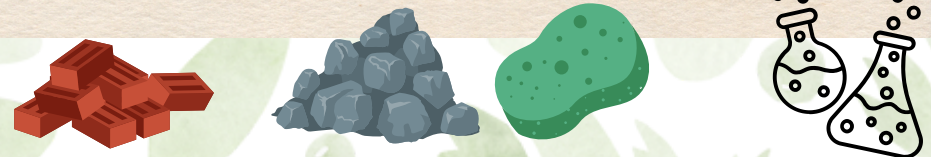
Science

This term, we're exploring materials! Children will learn to name materials, describe their properties, and investigate what objects are made from while practising skills like asking questions, classifying and observing.

How you can help:

Try a materials treasure hunt around the house, sort objects by what they're made of.

You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: material, object and property.



History



Our topic this term is 'Transport.' We will be exploring transport from the past and present. The children will compare cars, trains and aeroplanes from the past and present and discuss the impact that they have had on people's lives.

You can help your child by talking to them about the different types of transport that your family use and how it has changed over time.
You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: past, present and chronological order.



RE

This term, the children will be developing their understanding of Christianity and Judaism further. We will be learning about and comparing weddings as well as exploring artefacts. We will also be learning about the meaning and importance of the word 'Covenant', to the Jewish faith.

You could help your child by talking to them about family weddings.

You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: covenant, prophet and ceremony.



Geography



In Geography this term, we will be looking closely at the school grounds and our local area. The children will create maps to show the different land uses around school and our surrounding area.

Useful website

<https://earth.google.com/web/@0,0,0a,22251752.77375655d,35y,0h,0t,0r>

Your child will really enjoy exploring Google Earth. Encourage your child to find their street, school and other familiar features to them. Help your child to learn their address.
You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: physical feature, human feature and map.



Music

Children will have their first taste of musical notation through the medium of graphic score. Using vocal/body and mixed percussion, they will begin to develop beginner composition skills. As an ensemble, they will create a musical animal adventure.

You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: pulse, rhythm, compose.



DT

During our topic on Food and Nutrition, Class 1 will be learning about the importance of fruit and vegetables in a healthy diet. We will also be learning how to prepare fruit to make delicious healthy treats.

You can help your child by planning and preparing your own healthy meal at home. You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: design, texture, fruit and vegetable.



Art

This term, the children will explore how to use everyday objects to print patterns. As well as continuing to learn about our class Artist Claude Monet we will be Looking at the work of Robert Delaunay. The children will discover how different shapes are used to create abstract works of art.

You could encourage your child to research the work of Robert Delaunay. You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: printing, shape and abstract.



PE

PE sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Our focus this term is gymnastics. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days as well as removing any earrings or jewellery before school.

You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: action, direction and balance.



PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is Celebrating Differences. Children will learn to recognise similarities and differences in their class, know who to talk to if they feel unhappy, solve problems calmly, use kind words, and make new friends.

Key vocabulary: similarity, difference and deliberate.



Computing

This term, children will continue to focus on online safety and learn to use 'Purple Mash' safely. They will practise logging in, searching for activities, using menus, and saving and opening their work. Please reinforce online safety at home.

You can discuss our key vocabulary with your child: avatar, search and alert.

