



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe we have already completed our first term in Year 1. The children have settled in well and we can't believe the amount of progress they have made already. Let's make this next half term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English, our first unit is based around the story of 'Stanley's Stick'. Children will create their own story based the journey of a stick. Our next piece of writing will be based on the story 'Look Up! The children will arrive create their own informative text about themselves or another topic of their choice Our final piece of writing will be based around book 'Traction Man'. The children will create their own comic strip based on the adventures of Traction Man.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Maths, the children will be learning about addition and subtraction with 20.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In Science, our focus is chemistry we will be learning about everyday materials where we will be distinguishing different objects from their material and describing simple properties.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>In Geography, we will be learning about 'Where we Are'. The children will be locating their local area in the UK and identifying the four countries of the UK. We will also be identifying some key human and physical features</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>In Art, we will be learning about the artist Charles McGee. The children will explore mark making and will learn how to make a 3D paper sculpture by twisting paper and gluing it onto a base.</p>
<p>Religion and Worldviews</p> 	<p>In R.E. we will be learning about Christianity and Judaism. We will be exploring the question of "Who made the world?"</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>In P.E, the children will be focusing on dance and basketball. In dance they will be learning to perform their own dance moves, make up a short dance and move safely in a space. In basketball they will be learning how to throw and catch a ball with both hands.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>In Music, we will be introducing tempo and dynamics. We will be exploring the question 'How does music make the world a better place?' We will be exploring different types of music using the glockenspiels.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>In Computing, we fill focus on digital art and painting. We will explore how to create different pieces of art using online software. We will create art inspired by different artists.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>In PSHE we will be looking at rules for keeping us safe at school and at home. We will explore our understanding of rules for household substances, and we will look at what we need to do in case of an emergency.</p>



PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.

On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.

Poppy Class – Monday

Daisy Class – Monday

Buttercup Class– Monday

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 1 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them. Once you have read with your child, please make a comment in their reading record.
Learning with Parents	This is a platform we use to record reading at home and in school. Please log all reading done at home on this website.
myON	Each week children are expected to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Letter Join	Children have their Letter Join login stuck on the front cover of their reading record. Children should access letter formation videos that will support them with their handwriting. Handwriting sheets will also be sent home each week.
Phonics	Phonics videos will also be shared on Class Dojo weekly. Please practise phonics every day as we get the children ready for the phonics screening at the start of June. (More information about the phonics screening, can be found on our Year 1 webpage on our school website)

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 team