



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring Term 2024



Welcome back to Year 1

Welcome back to Year 1. We hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year. We are looking forward to another busy term of learning and developing our learning skills.

P.E.:



This will be on Thursday and Friday. The children must have a pair of shorts in school for P.E. and all long hair must be tied back. Please make sure P.E. kit is named. The children will also need a waterproof coat in school every day so we can make the most of the great outdoors.

Snacks:



Your child needs **one small, named** snack for playtime. Yoghurt can often be messy at playtime so is best avoided and please remember we have a 'no nuts' policy.

English:

We will continue to learn some more of the letter combinations (ea,oy, ir, aw etc) and apply this knowledge to our reading and writing.

We will continue to send home some sight words for the children to learn to read. The children really need to know these fluently so please practise them every day.

We are also learning to spell these words so choosing a couple to 'look, cover, write and check' each day will really make a difference. The children love to write with different 'tools' so don't be afraid to let them use pens, felts, finger paint etc! They don't have to write them – they could use magnetic letters, type them, use foam letters, make them with letters from newspaper or magazines. Be creative!

Maths:

In maths we will be developing our addition and subtraction skills within 20. We will explore different strategies including counting on and back and using knowledge of our number bonds to 10. We will continue to learn the number bonds to 10 (pairs of numbers that add up to 10) and use these to learn the number bonds to 20. The children need to know these, without working them out, as they underpin many other maths skills.

We will also be developing our understanding of place value in numbers to 50 and learning to measure length, weight and capacity.

Topics:

Where in the World – we will be finding out about our world (finding Jersey, England and France on a map, looking at globes & atlases, locating the hot & cold places and comparing different environments)

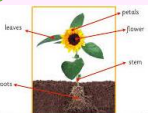


Amazing Animals – we will be finding out about animals and sorting them into their groups (mammals, fish, birds etc), sorting by what they eat (herbivores, carnivores & omnivores) and comparing their structure.

How does your Garden Grow? – all about plants and growing (naming different plants and trees, talking about the parts of a plant and finding out what seeds need to grow)

Seasons – we will continue to investigate seasonal changes in Winter and Spring.

Art – we will be investigating collage and printing over this term and we are in need of some old, colour magazines with lots of pictures.



Dates for your Diary:

- * 9th Feb – visit to the Georgian House (TBC)
- * 20th Feb – Zoo trip (TBC)
(please do not order a hot lunch as we will not be back until 1.30p.m.)

Please make sure that we have up to date contact details (mobiles, work phone numbers and email addresses) as it is important that we can get hold of you quickly should we need to.

Ways to help:

- *Talk to your children about anything and everything! Don't assume they know what words mean – encourage them to question and use new words.
- * Play board games together – this helps to develop maths skills.
- * Do things together with your children – encourage them to help around the house and then make time to do an activity together. (Go for a walk, make pictures on the beach, bake, craft with rubbish)

