

# Year 1

Autumn 1 2021

## Why is London special?

This half term our topic has a Geography focus where we will learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. This will lead us to explore London and its landmarks. As our knowledge of London grows, we will make comparisons of the United Kingdom to Brazil. This will enable us to further develop our map skills and answer our focus question: Why is London special?

## **P.E. will be indoors on Monday** this term.

Our focus is body management. We will be developing our strength and balance through a range of activities and partner work. Please try to ensure your child has plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Please ensure that children come to school in their P.E. kits on Monday morning.

## Maths

### 10 Key Facts

The children are beginning to work on some of Year 1's 10 basic skills in maths. You can help your child practice these skills at home. We are currently working on

- Counting forwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting backwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting in multiples of 2,5,10's
- Identifying one more and one less of a given number within 100

### Curriculum Coverage

In maths sessions this half term we will be covering the following areas of maths

- Place value within 10
- Place value within 20, including writing the numbers as numerals and words
- Addition
- Subtraction

### Numbots

Please encourage your child to use these subscriptions at home at least three times a week. Logins are the same as in reception class.

This site allows your children to practice their maths skills while earning coins to upgrade their Avatar.

## Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is Katie in London. In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Character and setting descriptions
- Postcards
- Diary entries
- Letters

We are also having a big push on handwriting in this term. The children will have daily handwriting lessons where they will be learning to join up their handwriting.

**Reading** continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 1. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school every day, so that we can listen to them read.

Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Can you also try and listen to your child **read at least three times** a week. This will really help your child with their fluency, pace and confidence. Remember asking questions will check whether they understand what they are reading. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

