

Year 1

Autumn 1 2023

Welcome to the new school year, we hope you've had a lovely summer. We've got lots to look forward to this half term...



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 every Monday and Friday this half term. Our focus is body management and locomotion. We will be developing our strength, balance and movements through a range of activities and partner work.

Please ensure that children come to school in their P.E. kits on Mondays and Fridays: plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

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 20, including writing the numbers as numerals and words
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Different ways of grouping objects and shapes.
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Numbots

We will be sending Numbots logins home soon. Please encourage your child to use Numbots at home at least three times a week.

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 form letters correctly.

Reading continues to be a huge focus around school and within Year 1. We will be allocating new Collins e-books and reading records in the next week after we have completed a phonic assessment with your child.

Please try and listen to your child **read at least three times a week**. Every time your child reads at home, please record it in their reading record. Your child will need to **read each book 3 times** before we will swap it for a new one as this will really help their fluency, pace and confidence.

Look out for an exciting home reading challenge coming soon!

