

Year 1

Spring 1 2022

Changes over time. What would you put into a time capsule for children to remember 100 years from now?

This half term our topic has a history focus. We will learn about changes over time to school-life, toys and transport, from the end of World War Two to the present day. To assist us with our comparisons we will take a school trip to Wilderspin School, to gain first-hand experience of what school life was like after the war, and the toys children played with. This will help us to decide what should go into our class time capsule, with reasoning.

P.E. will be on Wednesday and Friday this term. Our focus is dance and gym exercises. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits. PE kit is 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

- Solving addition and subtraction calculations
- Counting backwards from any number between 0-100
- Counting in multiples of 2s, 5s, 10's
- Saying all the doubles of numbers 1-10 (Double 7 is 14)

Curriculum Coverage

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

- Continuing with addition within 20.
- Place value within 50
- Measurement of length and height.

Numbots

Please encourage your child to use these subscriptions 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 "The Matchbox Diary". In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Postcards
- Diary entries
- Recounts

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. Remembering to ask questions will check whether they understand what they are reading. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

Spellings will be sent home weekly every Friday. Please encourage your child to practice these daily.

Phonics, please practice sounds and tricky words daily.



If you have any problems or concerns