

Year 1

Spring 2 2025

Should I stay or should I go? Is Cleethorpes or Immingham more appealing?

This half term our topic has a geography focus. We will learn about the coast including naming the seas and oceans that surround the UK. We will be exploring maps and finding where we live and remembering the address. We will also focus our investigations on, and make comparisons between where we live, Immingham and Cleethorpes on the coast. We will explore the human and physical features of each town. This will help us to decide which town we prefer and why.

P.E. will be on Wednesday and Friday this term. Our focus is **gymnastics** and **tennis** (controlling an object). 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

- Addition and subtraction within 20
- 3D shapes.

Science In science we will continue to investigate everyday materials before investigating **Animals Including Humans**. This will involve the children learning names of some common animals, recognising how animals are different, using the terms herbivore, carnivore, and omnivore, sorting animals by their characteristics or features as well as naming the basic parts of the human body and our learning about our senses.

Numbots

Please encourage your child to use this subscription 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.

Spelling Shed

Please encourage your child to use this subscription at home at least three times a week to help consolidate application of phonics skills and correct spelling of tricky words.

Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is "Grandad's Island". In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- A setting description
- A narrative (repetitive story)

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 record to school on their set day so that we can change their e-book for reading at home.

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!

If you have any problems or concerns, please come and speak to us.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team

