

Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum News

We hope you have had a lovely break over Christmas and we are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead. Please continue to read daily with your child and record in their home school book. A reminder that books will be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** and should be read twice to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. Please continue to practice phonics sounds and tricky words which can be found in the home school book every Monday.

Useful websites for maths and phonics:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://ictgames.com/>

History



In History we will be finding out about The Great Fire of London. We will learn about London in the past, how the fire started, how it spread so quickly, how the fire stopped and all about Samuel Peyps and his diary.

Music

In Music we will be learning about timbre and exploring rhythmic patterns. We will use our voices and instruments to play rhythms and represent characters in fairy tale stories.

Art



In Art we will be printmaking. We will use our hands to create different prints before exploring outside to make rubbings. We will then make our own 'plate' using plasticine and a foam tile to make repeating pattern prints.

Science



In Science we will be exploring different materials, learning what they are called and their properties. We will start to think about why certain materials are used for particular objects and conduct a scientific experiment to find out the most suitable material for a purpose.

Computing



In Computing we will begin to learn how to program a robot. We will be using beebots to input commands to make sequences of movement. We will also be learning about directional language when we program our robots to move in different directions.

R.E



In R.E we will continue learning about Christianity and Judaism. We will explore the creation story and understand that they believe God made humans and the world. We will then start to think about why it is important we look after our world and begin to look at the 7 wonders of the world.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about what to do if we got lost, what an emergency is, how we make a phone call and who we can speak to if we are worried at school.

P.E



In P.E we will be focusing on our cognitive skills to follow instructions and rules. We will be building upon our balance skills and practising movement in gymnastics.

Maths



During our Maths sessions, we will develop our knowledge through lots of practical and some written tasks.

We will:

- explore numbers to 20
- use a number line to 20
- estimate on a number line to 20
- compare groups of objects
- compare numbers
- add by counting on
- find and make number bonds to 20
- explore doubles and near doubles
- subtract 1s using number bonds
- subtract by counting back

English



Our English lessons this term will focus on the story 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew, learning and performing humorous poetry by Michael Rosen and non-fiction writing instructions and a diary. We will focus on:

- orally rehearsing a sentence before writing it
- forming our letters correctly from the correct handwriting family
- using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to demarcate a sentence
- using our phonics knowledge to segment and spell words
- sequence and retell stories
- begin to use 'and' to join words and clauses

