

English

Our text this half term is a story called 'The Days the Crayons quit'. We will be discussing the feelings of the crayons, as well as the features of a letter. We will then be writing our own letters.

We will continue to develop our phonics skills through Little Wandle, which includes whole class phonic sessions, small group work and guided reading sessions in Year 1.

Handwriting will remain a focus for us this term and we will continue to improve our letter formation. We will be practising the basic letter formation of letter families, based on their shape and direction of the lines that the families have in common.

Reading

Please continue to share the love of books with your child. Reading has such a positive impact on our children's writing and spelling.

Your child's Little Wandle e-book should be read **5 times** per week to improve their fluency and recognition of words. We encourage the children to read and re-read books that contain sounds that they know. A library book of your child's choice will be brought home to share too. As always, please encourage your child to share online or real books brought into school every **Wednesday**. Certificates are given for 25 reads, then 50, 75 and 100 reads.

Homework

Every **Wednesday** the children will be set one piece of homework linked to their current learning. This should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Remember that any additional learning your child completes will be welcomed and celebrated through classdojo.

Curriculum - Art

This half term, our curriculum focus is art. Our enquiry question will be, '**How do artists use line, colour and pattern?**' We will explore line, shape and colour, identify the primary and secondary colours and be able to know the difference between neutral, warm and cool colours. We will learn about artists who painted in an abstract style and will practise sketching our own series of abstract art. Finally, we will produce our own abstract inspired pieces of artwork.

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Learning Outcome

At the end of this term we will create a quiz, to challenge the children in Year 1.

P.E.

Year 1 will have PE every **Thursday** morning. Please ensure that children bring a full outdoor and indoor PE kit. As often as weather allows PE will be outside. Children will be expected to come to school in their normal school uniform and we will teach them how to get changed for their lessons.

Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed where possible otherwise **please provide plasters**. Please remember to label all the children's uniform, this really helps us to identify mislaid items.

Maths

In **Year 1** this term we will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction as well as moving up into numbers to 50. We will consider part-whole models and bar models to support our thinking and knowledge around the components of a number sentence. We will use this knowledge in a variety of situations including measures, time and money. Encouraging your child to have a go at this practically and explain their thinking and reasoning will develop their confidence and be hugely beneficial within their Maths lessons. We are also focusing on spotting reversals in our numerals.

Science

This half term, Year 1 will be learning about light and shadows. We will be conducting experiments using touches, exploring different lights. We will also start to discuss the differences between Winter and Spring.

Wider Curriculum

Computing - Information Technology
PHSE - Healthy Me
Music - Charanga singing with Mr Carlton
PE - Gym Flight and Locomotion
DT - Freestanding structures- build a palm branch