

Year 1 Class Newsletter



Term 4 2023 (20th February – 24th March)



What is Year 1 like in Term 4?

Year 1 will continue to be taught at table spaces where the children will complete a mix of teacher led and independent challenges. We will heavily focus on developing their independence, self-motivation and resilience. The children will complete early morning challenges every morning that will include fine motor development, letter formation, handwriting and spelling. There will still be time for Explore and Discover in the afternoons!

Maths



In Maths this term, we will be learning about place value to 50. This will involve counting forwards and backwards up to 50, recognising and representing numbers, writing numerals and number names and comparing and ordering numbers. We will also continue to draw on our understanding of number bonds to support our learning with larger numbers and introduce counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also develop our understanding of length, height, mass and volume and complete problem solving tasks around these themes.

English



In English, we will look at the picture book 'The Girl with the Yellow Bag' and invent our own sentences to add to the book. We will also read the story Giganotosaurus. We will use story mapping skills to draw and step out the main events in the order they take place. As well as continuing to secure our understanding of capital letters and full stops, we will be learning to use question marks and exclamation marks accurately and how to include words that have suffixes such as -ed and -ing in our writing.

Home learning

This term, we will be continuing with our Clifford word spellings. Please help your child to practice reading and writing the words stuck in their green home learning books. Adults in school will check they are secure with their current words before providing a new sheet. We will also be continuing with the weekly number bonds quiz. This will allow the children to become fluent with recalling their numbers bonds to 10, then 20 and will help to increase their mental maths skills. If you have any questions about home learning, please speak to a member of the team.

Topic



In Topic, we will continue our learning about the United Kingdom, focusing on seasons and weather. We will be making our very own weather charts and recording the weather over the term. We will test out wind and rain gauges and even create our own weather recording equipment. We will also learn about parts of plants and trees and what they need to grow. We will plant our own sunflowers and learn about the artist Van Gogh and create our own 'sunflower' paintings on paper and on a computer.

Reminders

- Reading books and records need to be in every day so we can check them and your child's bookmark can be stamped. We would like the children to read daily. An adult must sign the reading record to confirm that your child has read.
- All children must have PE kits in school on PE days. They will need warm PE clothing as we try to go outside as much as possible.
PE kit: House colour top, black or navy bottoms with a black or navy zip jacket, plimsolls or trainers.
- Please make sure all school clothing and belongings are clearly labelled so it is less likely to go missing.
- Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and outdoor shoes at school at all times so they can fully enjoy our OPAL playtimes and outdoor learning opportunities.
- Children must have a water bottle with their name on in school each day. Learning is thirsty work!
- Please leave toys at home. Some children have been upset when they have been lost or broken!

Children's timetable

- Monday: New reading books handed out
Library change day
- Tuesday: Indoor PE
- Thursday: Green Home Learning book due in
- Friday: Outdoor PE
New Home Learning set

Important Dates

- Thursday 23rd February – Parent Focus group
Monday 27th March – Year 1 Trip to Samphire Hoe
(details to follow in a separate letter shortly)
Friday 24th March – Interim reports to parents

