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How can you help your child?

- The school gate opens at 8:45am. Help your child to get to school on time as we start learning as soon as your child arrives. The register is taken by 9:00am.
- Send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform so they feel a valued part of our school community. On a Wednesday, **Year 1 have PE in the afternoon** so the children will need to come to school in their PE kits.
- Home reading books – at an appropriate reading level - will be changed once a week. We aim to listen to your child read these books in school too so please send your child into school with their reading book in a book bag EVERY DAY. **Please listen to your child read as much as you can and sign their reading record to indicate you have done so.**

Members of staff in year 1 this year

Year 1PG

Mrs Gibby, Miss Whyte & Mrs Amos

Year 1GW

Miss Woods & Mrs Garrett

Year 1 Spring 2 Learning

This leaflet gives you some information about what your child will be learning this coming half term. Overleaf, we have given you some more detailed information about subjects such as maths, science and reading but you are welcome to ask us if you wish to know more.

Feel free to speak to members of staff from year 1, who are available at the gate in the mornings, or someone from your child's class after school, once the majority of children have been dismissed.

Reading

The children in Year 1 will continue to learn their letters and sounds in RWI lessons and use these to read a range of texts with increasing fluency as they progress.

Comprehension – understanding what they are reading – is extremely important so the children will be taught how to find the answers to questions about the text read including True or False questions.

You can support your child by reading with them every day. This can be their home reading books from school or a favourite book or comic from home. Try and ask them questions and explain the meaning of words that might be new to them.

Science

The children will be learning more about seasons so we are hoping for some Spring weather! We will also be looking at the plants and trees that grow locally to us and will be out exploring the grounds and the forest area of the school.



An oak tree in Winter and Summer

If you can help your children name any common plants or trees – much more difficult when there aren't any leaves on them – that would be of great help.

History

In History we will be looking at Great Explorers! Children will get the opportunity to find out about some of the explorers from the past and how they became household names. The children will be challenged on their preconceptions on what explorers look and act like and get the chance to think of why famous explorers decided to go to their desired places and how they got there.

Design Technology

In DT we are looking at minibeasts. The children will get to create their own moving device based on their favourite minibeast! This opportunity will link to all the habitats we are learning about in Science and Writing. The children will use this knowledge to work on skills to make something they are proud of!



Useful Websites:

Oxford Owl: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Ed Shed: www.edshed.com

BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.com/education

Maths

This term we will continue to develop the children's understanding of using our *Smart Maths* approach where we will be learning vertical addition and subtraction. We will be practising multiplication and division too so plenty of practise is needed counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

We will also be learning about money so please talk to your child about the value of coins.

Also, you could carry on with these activities:

- Practise add and taking away numbers using numbers within 20
- count forwards and back within 100
- count forwards and back in tens within 200
- talk about turning through a quarter, half and a whole circle to the left or right
- have fun measuring different volumes of liquids using millilitres (ml)
- name a variety of different 2D shapes
- talk about time: hours in a day, days in a week etc and show them o'clock and half past times

Computing

Our computing topic this term is all about publishing. The children will get the chance to become online publishers. Using iPads, they will develop the skills to add writing and pictures to create their very own online story. This wonderful topic will combine creativity with the knowledge of how to safely face the online world.