

The Teachers in Year 1 are: Miss Benson and Mrs Pycroft
The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Stimpson and Miss Webb

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Bright Lights, Big City'

In this project, your child will learn the story of a local landmark. They will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, including their location, capital cities and some of their physical and human features. They will have the opportunity to do map work, using compasses, and positional and directional language to plan routes around London. They will research the cause and impact of the Great Fire of London and look at some famous London landmarks. They will learn about other capital cities around the world, including Kuala Lumpur, and compare how they are similar and different to London.

English

In English, we will be looking at the story 'Katie goes to London' by James Mayhew. We will be using this book to do our own story writing, retelling Katie's adventures. We will also be exploring the famous landmarks in London and writing a set of instructions for a London tour.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Choose a London landmark that interests you and your child. Carry out some research to find 5 fun facts about it.

You could go on a walk around your local area. Practise identifying the physical features (that are naturally there) and the human features (made by people).

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Counting, reading and writing number patterns
- Addition and subtraction
- Grouping and sharing
- Fractions
- Measure

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Every Friday, children will receive their home learning via their email account on Purple Mash. This will consist of one maths task, one writing task and spellings. Please support your child in accessing the email and completing the tasks by the following Thursday.

Reading: Please listen to your child read at home at least 3 times a week. This additional practice places a crucial role in increasing children's fluency and confidence. Please bring your book on a Wednesday, to be changed, and on a Friday, for our reading time.

PE: Both classes will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.

Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit on these days. This should consist of: Plain white t-shirt, navy/black zip top or jumper, navy/black shorts/leggings/joggers and trainers or black pumps. Please ensure earrings are removed before arriving at school on PE days.

Water Bottles:

Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water.

Healthy Snack:

Fruit snack is provided for all Year 1 children every day. Children are welcome to bring their own fruit snack to school.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/reigate-de22>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/40309>

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

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

Spring Dates for your Diary:

08.01.24 – Spring 1 starts.
24.01.24 – T-Rex class assembly.
31.01.24 – Cheetahs class assembly.
6.02.24 - Safer Internet Day
15.02.24 – School finishes for half term.
16.02.24 – INSET day.
26.02.24 – Back to School

Any other Information

Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries about your child, contact a member of the team and we will happily arrange a time to meet with you to discuss and help.